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Company faces fines of £18,000 after asbestos offences in town

A COMPANY based in Cheshire has been fined £18,000 for asbestos offences committed while working on a shop in Cowbridge.

Potentially deadly asbestos fibres were spread in part of the shop by unqualified workmen. In a prosecution by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE), Cardiff Magistrates heard that Timberwise (UK) Ltd, a national company specialising in damp and timber repairs, committed four offences and was fined a total of £18,000, and ordered to pay £5,314 in costs.

The court was told that Timberwise was contracted to carry out the work in an antiques shop in High Street, Cowbridge, in July, 2011.

In a statement, The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) said: "Timberwise sent employees to work on the site to survey and strip out parts of the building affected by damp and wood rot, without checking for the presence of asbestos.

"None of the workers had received sufficient information, instruction or training in asbestos awareness or removal, and Timberwise did not have a licence to remove or handle asbestos containing materials.

"Asbestos insulation boards were removed in a back room by one of the workers and the ceiling was demolished.

"The uncontrolled removal of the asbestos boards and demolition work caused the disturbance and spread of potentially deadly asbestos fibres."

The statement continued: "Instead of arranging for the proper disposal of the asbestos, the dust was swept into rubble bags and dumped in a skip lorry, along with the asbestos insulation boards.

"The asbestos material was immediately identified at the waste transfer site and was collected by Timberwise and left in the backyard of the shop.

"The owners of the building contacted the HSE and then arranged for a licensed removal company to undertake a full environmental clean of the building."

The shop concerned was Eastgate Antiques, and owner Liz Herbert told The GEM: "It was a real shock because the company we chose was a national one.

"We were forced to close for 10 days while the clean-up operation took place and, although we were insured, it didn't fully cover our financial losses."

She emphasised: "In the light of what happened to us, I would urge anyone planning alterations to make sure an expert in asbestos examines their property."

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Local carnival defies the weather!

Picture by Frank Shipton

Cheerleaders were giving the carnival atmosphere a real buzz last week! (See page 6).

Lost umbrella finds its way back home!

A COWBRIDGE woman has been reunited with her lost Union Jack umbrella – after her letter to The GEM appealing for its return, sparked an immediate response last week.

She had enjoyed the town's Diamond Jubilee party which, because of poor weather, took place in Holy Cross Church and the Duke of Wellington public house.

However, she took one member of the public to task for walking off with her umbrella – pointing out that they were not expensive and were available at a knock-down price in the Tenovus charity shop on High Street.

After her letter appeared on Thursday, the charity shop rang The GEM offering to replace it free of charge. However, the organisers reported that in fact, a brolly matching the description, had turned up in the lost property area at the Duke of Wellington!

The GEM duly informed the lady, who did not wish to be named, and she has since confirmed that it has been safely returned to her.

Varied events support Breast Cancer Care

A NUMBER of events are taking place this Saturday as Cowbridge goes Pink to support Breast Cancer Care's Strawberry Tea campaign (11am).

Cowbridge fire fiighters will be offering a car wash to motorists, to support the charity. It starts at 10:30am and will cost £4 per car.

In the Old Hall Gardens at 12 noon, a local rock choir joins a UK-wide Guinness World Record attempt. The event in Cowbridge will be introduced by ITV's Jonathan Hill

Also in the Old Hall Gardens at 1pm, a cake 'bake-off' competition will be judged by Alison Huw from S4C.

Later on, at 5pm, there will be a sevens rugby tournament, and a barbecue, at Cowbridge RFC's ground.

Charity run picks up pace

COWBRIDGE should be on the move on July 1, when the popular charity event 'Cowbridge on the Run' takes place.

For details of the run, and for information on how to enter, turn to page 5.

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'Union flag WAS flown'

IN response to the letter headed 'No flags for the Jubilee in Barry' (Glamorgan GEM, June 7) please note that flags *were* flown by the Vale Council in celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

Both the Union flag and the Red Dragon were proudly flying outside the Civic Offices.

Coun Neil Moore,
Leader, Vale of Glamorgan Council

Minority view on monarchy?

THANK you for letting us know the views of Marc Delaney – 'No Flags, Thank You!' (GEM letters, last week) in which he claims the Vale Council may have refrained from offending half or more of the population, who consider the institution of monarchy undemocratic, by failing to acknowledge the Jubilee celebrations with flags on public buildings.

The council can answer for its alleged public display of disloyalty itself; but I would like to ask him, through your pages, since he has put his minority views into the public arena, if he really does believe half or more of the UK population share his views.

A wide range of statistically-sound polls indicate quite the opposite, with ukpollingreport.co.uk recently suggesting that "*All the polls show much the same thing.*

"The monarchy is overwhelmingly popular – with between 73-82% supporting keeping the monarchy, and only 13-18% supporting replacing it with an elected president"

Given the blindingly obvious support for HM the Queen recently, a simpler question to Marc Delaney might be "what colour is the sky on your planet?"

Dr Paul Langmaid,
Cowbridge.

Barry still in the silent screen era

Schwarzenegger and Stallone back at Barry's Theatre Royal cinema? Yes, but not on film.

On March 2011, the then Vale Council's 'Terminator planning committee' deliberated over the future of our town's last cinema.

Terminator Judgement Day on April 14, 2011, sealed the building's fate in favour of more residential accommodation.

With contractors now on site, *Terminator Rise of the Machines* will soon give way to *Demolition Man* in preparation to create Barry's own *'Best Exotic Marigold* Extra Care' facility.

As for the forthcoming attraction that is the Barry Island multiplex., just how far off this new 3D vision is, is anyone's guess.

It can only be hoped, as time prevails, interest from today's main operators still remains.

In the meantime, watching *The Artist* can serve as a reminder that Barry is back in the silent screen era!

P Sutton,
Save our Cinema Association,
Barry

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DANGERS OF OVER-DEVELOPMENT...

Floods timely warning for new Vale Council

LAST week's floods in mid Wales showed once again the dangers of building on flood plains. As we saw in Barry in 2007, climate change and over-development may lead to flooding, which can destroy homes and cause widespread and costly damage.

Hopefully, the new Vale Council will keep to their promise of going back to first principles on the Local Development Plan, including cutting back on the number of houses which will have to be built all over Barry and, particularly, preventing the building of new houses on greenfield sites.

They must also remember that over-development in Barry may not just lead to traffic gridlock around town, but that building in areas where flooding is possible could be dangerous.

As Plaid Cymru have always warned, we need to be careful with our built environment.

Ian Johnson,
Barry.

Traffic hopes for Eisteddfod at Llandow

YOUR article headlined '*Eisteddfod plan to keep traffic moving*' last week, brought some welcome relief to many Cowbridge residents who fear 'grid-lock during Eisteddfod week.

However, Alan Gwynant must be a born optimist when he states "our priority is to try and ensure that traffic runs smoothly" and that he believes he has the best way to try and ensure that there are no major traffic issues.

Surely he means that he will try to achieve his aims?

I and local residents wish him every success in his endeavours.

Perhaps I am a born pessimist!

M Thomas,
Cowbridge.

THE MORAL DILEMMA

THE Government wants us to spend more so as to make the economy grow and provide jobs.

We could do this by buying things we do not want or need, and by replacing items which are still serviceable. Given that the earth's resources are finite, does anyone who is able to do so have a moral obligation to make such unnecessary purchases?

R Bradshaw,
Cowbridge.

Clock praise

THE Llantwit Major Town Council would like to place on record its appreciation to all the individual people of Llantwit Major who donated money towards the project to refurbish the Town Hall clock.

It is with great pleasure that the town council can confirm that enough money has been raised to begin the required works, and possibly look at refurbishing the clock face as well.

The council has set up a committee who over the coming month will meet and move the project forward, with the hope that the clock shall be chiming by the end of July.

Once again, many thanks, as without your support, this project may not have been possible.

R E Quinn (Mrs),
Town Clerk,
Llantwit Major.

Jubilee flags

HAVING spent the Jubilee holiday in London, I was unaware of the Vale's decision not to fly flags from public buildings over the Jubilee holiday, until pointed out in Marc Delaney's letter in last week's GEM

I must say I was shocked and offended by their decision. What are the flag poles used for, if not to fly the flags on special occasions? The Jubilee was certainly one special occasion.

Whether you like the Queen or not (and I do) she is still head of state, and as such is entitled to be treated with respect, not least for giving 60 years of faultless service to her people.

John Matheson,
Cowbridge.

GEM NOTE: See Vale Council leader's rebuttal at top of page, left.

'Microchipping not the answer'

AT present, the Welsh Assembly is undertaking a consultation on compulsory microchipping of dogs and there are some very good reasons to microchip, such as helping to reunite lost pets.

If this was the only reason to introduce it, no one would complain; but it has been suggested that it will somehow stop aggressive dogs and make people more responsible.

The microchip does not even prove ownership, only that the dog was once owned by the registered person.

The system only works if the registration data bases are kept up to date and strictly monitored.

A microchip has never stopped a dangerous dog from attacking a child, adult, or another pet.

The problem of poor dog ownership needs to be addressed before attacks take place, eg education at school level, doggy ASBOs.

A system that costs the good, responsible pet owner money and then does not work, is just unfair. What happens when it does not stop dog attacks? Possibly a more expensive and bureaucratic dog licence, meaning more costs for the responsible dog owner?

The problem of horse fly grazing is well known and The GEM on May 17 reported the dumping of foals where the owners could not be traced.

Horses have had a compulsory passport identification system AND compulsory microchipping of foals for a number of years.

Not surprisingly, the criminal and the irresponsible do not take a blind bit of notice; but still the responsible owners pay, and animals suffer.

D Lindsay,
Southerndown.

Collection for greyhounds

THANK you to the residents and visitors to Cowbridge, who generously supported Greyhound Welfare at our Jubilee weekend street collection on June 2.

The street collection raised a total of £156.11, which will be helpful in meeting vets' fees and kennelling costs before rescued dogs are found homes.

If you wish to enquire about sharing your life with a greyhound, telephone Paula on 01633 892846. For general information, call 01446 750663.

John Richfield,
St Athan
(Volunteer helper)

'Flowers made my day'

MAY I, through your newspaper, say many thanks to the kind lady who gave me the beautiful bunch of pink rosebuds, which I had been looking at outside Filco Supermarket.

I had gone to sit on the seat by the river, when she came and sat by me and gave them to me.

I don't know who you were, but thank you again.

You made my day.

Doris Edwards,
Siggingstone.

'Get us out of this EU farce'

WILL someone please take the lead and get the UK out of this defunct, corrupt club called the EU?

It has now become farcical and an absolute joke – politicians like Cameron, Osborne, Clegg, Merkel, etc – just haven't got a clue what to do.

They have summit after summit to try and sort out the Mickey Mouse currency called the Euro, and yet they can't make any sort of decision.

We have Ireland, Greece, Portugal, Italy and now Spain, in serious trouble and all we do is bail them out with billions of pounds of the hard-earned money we pay in tax.

You have the boss of the IMF calling for further austerity packages and tax rises; she pays no tax on her six-figure salary. Frau Merkel now wants more political and monetary union between member states with, I guess, herself at the helm.

The people of the EU are being shackled by the policies of the EU, and are suffering badly, It's now time for the people to start fighting back.

How can any decent law-abiding country stand by and watch our national destiny being destroyed? It's high time Mr Cameron looked to his own people and gave us a referendum on pulling out of this club.

I think most people are fed up to the back teeth with the rules and regulations that are forced on our country, without so much as a protest.

Winston Churchill must be turning in his grave. His comment: "*Never in the field of human conflict, has so much been owed, by so many to so few*" now seems so shallow.

The politicians of the UK must hang their heads in shame.

D J Radford,
Barry.

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL JUNE 28)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
21 Thur	08.21	9.1	20.36	9.4
22 Fri	08.55	9.2	21.11	9.3
23 Sat	09.33	9.2	21.50	9.3
24 Sun	10.14	9.2	22.28	9.1
25 Mon	10.54	8.9	23.14	8.9
26 Tues	11.39	8.7	23.59	8.7
27 Wed			12.32	8.5
28 Thur	00.58	8.4	13.33	8.3

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should always check with a tide table specific to their location.

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Ystradowen enjoys a belated Jubilee party

YSTRADOWEN finally finally got to enjoy the Diamond Jubilee celebrations – and the residents found it was well worth the wait!

The party was originally due to take place on Sunday, June 3, at Clos Ffawydden, but due to the bad weather, it had to be postponed. Luckily, the sun shone on the rearranged date!

The younger children decorated and paraded their crowns, played 'pass the parcel' and 'pin the crown on the Queen'.

The older children spent most of the afternoon painting all the ladies' nails red and blue!

HP

ABOVE and BELOW: The party finally started at Ystradowen!

'Dance: Make Your Move'

THE south Wales area heat of 'Dance: Make Your Move' will be held at Cowbridge Comprehensive School on Saturday, June 23.

Six groups are competing to reach the area final at the Palace Theatre in Worcestershire and ultimately the UK final at London's IndigO2 in July.

The six groups taking part are: Bad Man and People Help the People from the Sarah Burnell School of Dance; Believe from Lewis Girls School; and Dance Angels Juniors, Dance Angels Seniors and K-OSS Street Crew from Dance Angels.

Kate Gay, Red Cross local fundraiser said: "This event is a way of being able to support the Red Cross specifically through dance.

"The fact that we have six groups signed up to participate in this regional heat shows that young performers in the region want to do something amazing for charity while celebrating the work of the Red Cross.

"There is still time to get involved in this exciting event by coming along and supporting your local dance group. The money raised by this event will go to help vulnerable people in crisis."

Tickets can be obtained from http://www.redcross.org.uk/Get-involved/Events/Dance-Make-Your-Move/Buy-tickets or contact your local British Red Cross Office on 01633 245764; £8 for adults and £6 for children (under 12 years). Doors open at 6pm.

Patchwork, wine, and flowers for all occasions!

PENLLYN AND DISTRICT WI NEWS

PENLLYN and District WI held a well-attended patchwork workshop day on May 12, with tutor Margaret Harris, and some lovely work was produced under her expert guidance.

On May 15, members enjoyed a visit to Glyndwr Vineyard in Llanblethian, which included a walk around the vines on a lovely sunny evening, a talk on the history of the vineyard, the production of their wines, and the opportunity to sample the wines as we ate a very pleasant meal!

The monthly craft evening took place on the following night, and there was a buzz of activity, with everyone preparing or practising their skills for the Glamorgan Federation Show in July. Various crafts were in evidence, including patchwork, sugarcraft, pottery and rug-making!

Two members attended the first session of the flower arranging course, held on May 26, at Federation House in Port Talbot; they are working towards the certificate in 'Flowers for Special Occasions'.

Our monthly members' meeting was held on Tuesday, June 5, in the Village Hall. Members were welcomed by president, Novello Peters, who introduced our speaker.

Unfortunately, there had been a change in our programme, as Sue Cocks, who was to have given a talk on 'reflexology', was unable to attend, so Pamela Robson stepped into the breach, and entertained us with amusing songs and monologues, as well as telling of people famous for monologues in their heyday, Noel Coward, Joyce Grenfell, etc.

The speaker was thanked by Novello, and members then had the opportunity to purchase jewellery-making items and second-hand books.

The business section of the meeting began with secretary Jane Exell reading the minutes, which were duly agreed, and signed by the president.

There was feedback from the National AGM that the resolution for increasing the number of midwives had been accepted.

Members were informed that auditions for the Glamorgan Federation pantomime would be held on June 23. Notice of other local and Federation events was given, and it was agreed that Penllyn and District would once again enter a team in the Federation Quiz in September.

Plans are being made for our annual walking treasure hunt to be held early in September. Members were given an opportunity to finalise their entries for Glamorgan Federation Show, and we are hoping for a bumper number of entries this year, following our double success in the show last year.

Raffle and competition prizes were given out and the meeting closed.

Our craft evening this month will be on Wednesday, June 20, and will focus on making bridesmaids' headdresses and stained glass windows (in any craft) in preparation for the July show.

Our next members' meeting will be on Tuesday, July 3, at 7.30pm, in the Village Hall, and our speaker will be Lin Marshall talking about 'A Monkey Sanctuary and Nigeria'.

New members are always warmly welcomed; we meet on the first Tuesday in every month (except August), at 7.30pm in Penllyn Village Hall. For further information contact Novello 01656 674191 or Marjorie 01656 647115. **MN**

Jubilee hamper is handed over

DESPITE torrential rain on Saturday morning, the Farmers' market stall holders were in Cowbridge to sell produce.

The two winners of the Jubilee draw came along to collect their hampers. Scilla Williams (*above*) of Llansannor collected the first prize hamper on behalf of her daughter Lauren Davies.

Eleanor Wilson of Trebettyn collected the second prize.

Thanks to all the stall holders present for their kind donations of produce which made up the two hampers. The farmers market is held on the first and third Saturday of every month at Arthur John's car park on North Road. Next market, July 7 at 9.30am-1pm. **ME**

Jubilee bash's double purpose!

ABOVE: Tom and Harri Rees.

VILLAGERS in Aberthin celebrated the Queen's Diamond Jubilee with an indoor 'street party' in the village hall.

Local photographer Mike Baker provided a giant screen to watch the Royal pageant while party food was served.

There was a fundraising side to the day too, as £127 was raised for the Cystic Fibrosis Trust.

This charity was chosen because two local boys were in training for the 'Cycle Challenge Wales – Bike and Hike'.

The race involved climbing the three famous peaks of Wales – Snowdon, Cadair Idris and Pen y Fan – and then cycling in between the peaks.

Donations to the Cystic Fibrosis Trust can be made at www.justgiving.com/tomandharrirees

Jubilee exhibition was great success

ON June 2, Cowbridge and District Museum hosted an exhibition in recognition of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

The exhibition included memorabilia from the Queen's Coronation and other related materials, and was very popular with visitors.

This summer, the museum, which is located in the Town Hall, has increased its opening days to two per month, and visitors will be welcome from 11am to 4pm on the third Saturdays in July and August as well as the first Saturday. Admission is free.

Deborah Fisher
Assistant Curator, Cowbridge Museum

Final film of season is an Oscar winner

BIG Screen's last film in Cowbridge for this season is *The Artist* (Cert PG) on Thursday, June 28 at 7.30pm in the Town Hall.

***The Artist* is a dialogue-free comedy-drama starring Jean Dujardin.**

He plays George Valentin, a matinee idol in Hollywood before the dawn of 'talking movies'.

He meets an ambitious chorus girl, Peppy Miller, during his far from perfect marriage and becomes smitten with her.

George sinks all of his money into one last silent film while Peppy becomes a star in the new era of 'talking movies'.

Co-starring in the film is John Goodman who plays the head of the film studio.

Doors open 7.10pm; tickets £3 (available in advance from the Town Clerk's office, or on the door). Ice cream, too! See you all in the autumn!

Cowbridge U3A

AT a meeting of Cowbridge U3A in the local rugby club, Steve Burrows spoke on Bryn Celli Ddu – Stone Age Tomb, Anglesey.

The next talk on July 11 at 2pm in Cowbridge RFC is entitled 'Only Evans – the Eccentric Life of Lord Tredegar' by Paul Busby.

The AGM will be held at St Donat's Castle at 11am on August 1.

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Asbestos fine: 'This incident was 'entirely preventable'

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HSE inspector, Steve Richardson, speaking after the case, said: "This incident was entirely preventable and would not have happened if Timberwise had provided adequate information, instruction and training to its staff.

"The company had no procedures to check for the presence of asbestos and as a result, has put the health of its workers and the shop owners at risk of potentially fatal asbestos-related lung diseases."

Timberwise (UK) Ltd, of Drake Mews, Gadbrook Park, Rudheath, Cheshire, pleaded guilty to four offences under the Control of Asbestos Regulations 2006 and was fined the following amounts:

• Section 5 (duty to identify the presence of asbestos) £4,500.

• Section 8 (work with a licensed asbestos material) £4,500.

• Section 10 (duty to provide information, instruction and training) £4,500.

• Section 16 (duty to prevent of reduce the spread of asbestos) £4,500.

Further information on the safe identification and removal of asbestos can be found on the HSE website at: www.hse.gov.uk/asbestos/index.htm

Colwinston welcomes 'new' attraction to the village

JUST over a year ago, it was decided, as part of the Queen's Jubilee celebrations, that Colwinston would replace its modern telephone box with one of the more traditional Giles Gilbert Scott red kiosk designs.

The task was not as easy as at first hoped, but through community councillor Alun Austin, and with the help of local resident John Lloyd, British Telecom, the Vale Council, and the previous community council chairman, Peter Graham-Woollard, the new box was installed last Friday, in time for Sunday's celebrations.

Made in 1937, for the coronation of King George VI, with internal fittings from the time of King George V's Silver Jubilee, this box previously stood at Holt in Norfolk, and after refurbishment by English Phone Boxes from Gloucester, is now in pristine condition.

Paid for through public and private donations, it was opened by its main benefactor, local businessman Malcolm Jones, at a ceremony which, despite threatening rain and cold conditions, was very well attended by villagers, who enjoyed tea and cakes on the village green.

An earlier thanksgiving service at St Michael's and All Angels was then followed by a children's party and adults' hog roast at the Sycamore Tree.

PGW

The 1937 phone box is now installed for use in Colwinston.

Lions' school quiz night success scores top marks!

THE Llantwit Major and Cowbridge Lions last week hosted their first schools quiz competition in Llantwit Town Hall.

The quiz was organised for year 6 pupils and an invitation was sent out to all of the local primary schools. Three schools attended the event, with one school bringing enough pupils to form two teams.

To the surprise of the attending teachers and parents, the Lions formed them into three teams to see how they fared against the children, with a promise of a bottle of wine to the winning adult team.

After a very noisy hour, Lions president Byron announced that Ysgol Iolo Morganwg from Cowbridge had won the competition. The photograph shows the winning team, and the president with the winner's shield.

The Lions intend to make this an annual contest and expand it to include more schools, although in future it is likely to be held earlier in the year.

This weekend, the Llantwit Major fayre day run by the Lions, will be held in the town's Rugby Club field.

There will be more than 40 stalls, along with entertainment and competitions, so if you fancy a fun day out, come along to the Rugby Club Field between 10-30am and 4pm on Saturday June 23.

To find out more about the Lions, visit *www.lmanclions.org.uk* <http://www.lmanclions.org.uk> or you can talk to them directly on fayre day.

DAVID EDWARDS

Christian Aid

THE committee of Churches Together in Cowbridge and district wishes to thank all the kind people who contributed to the street collection, in aid of Christian Aid, at High Street, Cowbridge, on Saturday, May 19.

The total collected was £492.43.

Many thanks also to the volunteers who stood on the street with the collecting tins, and to those who counted the money.

V J Charles (Mrs), Llanblethian.

(Churches Together committee member)

Local students are off to drama school

STUDENTS Riccardo Cocco, (18), from Pontyclun and Michael Taylor, (22), from Pencoed, who are studying the Level 3 extended diploma in performing arts at Bridgend College, have been accepted into the Rose Bruford College of Theatre and Performance.

Riccardo will study BA (Hons) European Theatre Arts at the Sidcup, Kent, drama school, while Michael is undertaking a BA (Hons) in acting.

Rachel Morgan-Belle, course tutor, said: "I am very pleased and proud of both Michael and Riccardo for obtaining places at Rose Bruford.

"They have demonstrated hard work and commitment during their two years at Bridgend College and have bright futures ahead of them."

Spring-clean braved elements

Some of the 20 bags of discarded rubbish collected by Rotarians from the Ogmore river bank.

MEMBERS of the Cowbridge Rotary Club braved the elements to spend a morning doing a 'spring-clean' of the Ogmore river bank.

Twenty bags of rubbish were collected, including a Tesco shopping trolley, a left foot trainer, many discarded and washed-up plastic bottles and general rubbish.

The spring clean was arranged with the Ogmore Rangers, as part of the Rotary Club's service to the community.

Members now have first hand experience as to the amount of packaging and general rubbish discarded in our local beautiful countryside.

We urge members of the public to support efforts to keep our countryside clean of litter.

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THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

(PUBLIC FOOTPATH No. 6 COWBRIDGE) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2012

The Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended), and of all other enabling powers intends in not less than seven days from the date of this Notice to make an Order the general effect of which is as described in the schedules below: -

SCHEDULE 1

1. No person shall proceed on foot in the location specified in Schedule 2 below.

SCHEDULE 2

Location	The section of footpath that extends between High Street and Poplar Park, Cowbridge. (This footpath is known as Cowbridge number 6).
Alt. Route	The diversion for this closure shall be via High Street, Church Street and along the footpath know as Llanblethian number 44 into Poplar Park, and visa-versa.
Reason	This closure is required in order to maintain public safety while construction work takes place on adjacent land, the site of the former garden centre.
Duration	From 9.00am on Monday 9th July 2012, for a maximum period of six months or completion of works, whichever is earlier
Signing:	Appropriate temporary signing will indicate the alternative route.

Dated this 21st day of June 2012

M. Punter,
Head of Visible Services
Vale of Glamorgan Council, The Alps,
Wenvoe. CF5 6AA.

Blacksmith's regulars back Vale charity

ANOTHER charity quiz evening at The Blacksmith's Arms, Llanmaes, raised a £300 donation for 'World at Play', a Vale-based charity.

In the photograph, Jackie, the wife of the landlord Mike, is seen presenting a cheque to Peter Emery, the chair of the World at Play board of trustees.

He explained that the money would be used to purchase play and sports equipment for the benefit of disadvantaged children within our own community, as well as those living in the care homes and orphanages of Eastern Europe.

Using the medium of sport and play, World at Play works alongside the children, bringing happiness and self esteem by participation in team sports and games.

For more information, go to www.worldatplay.org.uk.

Charity event

THERE will be a charity opera ev*ening of Puccini and Prosecco – with artists from Welsh National Opera at The Bear Hotel, Cowbridge on Monday, June 25 at 7pm.*

Tickets to include a glass of prosecco on arrival and an Italian themed dinner.

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'REGISTER IN GOOD TIME' ORGANISER'S PLEA

'Please book in advance' for 'Cowbridge on Run!'

by TIM CHAPMAN

THE 'Cowbridge on the Run' event, to be held in the town on Sunday, July 1 on behalf of Cancer Research UK, has seen a surge in local organisations applying to take part.

The organiser, Anne Birt, who has been busily preparing for this year's event, told The GEM: "People are starting to register on-line and we'd encourage others not to leave it until the last minute.

"Among the teams that have pledged to take part are Payton, Jewell & Caines, surveyors and estate agents from Bridgend; Bar 44; Quarter Penny Cafe; a group from Llysworney; Cowbridge Squash Club; a team from St Mary Church; and people from the Bush Inn at St Hilary.

"The reason it will help us if people register well before the day, is that we will have a better idea of the numbers we will be dealing with.

"Obviously, everyone is welcome on the day and if they want to get involved, they will be warmly welcomed."

There are two runs, a 5k and a 10k, and Anne has promised that for the less fit a new route has been devised to make it a little easier.

Last year, former Welsh rugby international, Rhys Williams, led the participants in a five-minute warm-up at the rugby club ground, before the official start of the run.

Anne stressed that the money raised is spent in Wales.

Last year's event reached a figure of £4,000 and the aim is for that figure to be exceeded.

The easiest thing for Anne is for people to email her and she will then reply with details on how to get registered and obtain sponsorship forms.

The address is: annebirt@hotmail.co.uk. Anne can also be contacted on 07976 646 375; or by post at: 'Cowbridge on the Run', 71 High Street, Cowbridge, CF71 7AH.

Y Bont Faen pupils get creative for the Jubilee celebration

ABOVE: Evan Pryce with his Jubilee goody bag and certificate for first prize.

STAFF and pupils at Y Bont Faen Primary School are celebrating two recent artistic successes

A second pupil from the year-6 art class taught by deputy head Mr Lloyd has won a Jubilee competition.

A few weeks ago, young Ffion won all her class jubilee medals in a Royal Mint Jubilee competition, along with a host of prizes for herself.

Soon after, year-6 pupil Evan Pryce beat more than 400 entrants and won a 'design a Jubilee stamp' competition, run by the Palmerston Community Learning Centre!

Schools from Palmerston, St Helens, Cadoxton and Llangan were among the many schools that took part

Evan won a Jubilee goody bag and certificate.

The rest of the pupils in school have also been busy designing their own mugs just in time for their forthcoming appearances in the schools summer fayre specials.

In honour of the Jubilee celebrations and the nearing Olympic extravaganza, Mr Lloyd and Mrs Morris organised a mug design activity which culminated in the pupils being able to purchase their very own designs.

JM

JUBILEE PARTY FOR LADIES OF THE WI!

"RECORD crowds attended the Jubilee carnival, Southerndown WI won the best float award, and the sun shone!"

Reader, by the time you read this report, the above might be actual – or apocryphal. Whatever the outcome, WI president Meryl James and committee have worked hard to promote the event in which Southerndown is taking part, including running a stall in aid of the annual charity, this year the Brecon Mountain search and rescue team, which covers the local area.

Also, some members were due to be on the 'Wild West' float.

The last meeting began with the president welcoming a large number of present and potential members.

The hall was arranged as a street party, awash with red, white and blue, and with a varied range of celebration fare donated by members.

The normal business included notice of a federation promotion pack to help institutes, if needed. It was decided – by a vote – that Southerndown would not buy the pack; indeed, membership has risen steadily under the current president and committee.

After sampling the food, reminiscences were made by those members old enough to recall the coronation, one of whom was Pat Bevan-Morgan. Pat is renewing her membership after a lapse of some years.

If she is recording this information in another column of this issue, she is getting double coverage! There is only one Pat – welcome back.

The next monthly meeting is on July 12 in St Brides Major church hall at 7.15pm, with a talk entitled 'Coast watch' by Terry Ewington.

BM

Appeal after man airlifted to hospital

The A48 was closed after the crash.

WALES Air Ambulance's Swansea-based helicopter was called to a 17-year-old man with head injuries on the A48 between Cowbridge and Bridgend on Sunday,

A police spokesman stated: "At approximately 2.20pm on Sunday, June 17, a road traffic collision occurred on the A48 at the Colwinston junction, near the bus request stop.

"A black coloured Fiat 500 motor car was in collision with a male pedestrian, who sustained serious injuries as a result of the collision."

Wales Air Ambulance's HEMS paramedics were quickly on the scene and began to treat the patient, before taking him to the specialist head trauma unit in Cardiff's University Hospital, Wales.

"The transfer to hospital took just eight minutes, delivering the patient to the best possible care as quickly as possible, helping to increase his chance of a good recovery," said Wales Air Ambulance operations manager, Jason Williams.

"Road traffic collisions make up around 40 per cent of Wales Air Ambulance's missions.

"This is due to the fact that they often result in severe injuries which require fast, specialist medical attention.

"The helicopters are able to get a critical patient to the specialist trauma units."

South Wales police are asking any person who witnessed the collision, the manner in which the vehicle was being driven, or the movements of the pedestrian, to contact the Western Roads Policing Office at Lakeside Swansea on 01792 456999 ext 88-331, or contact their local police station.

Church marks first 'birthday' in Cowbridge

THE Vale Church has celebrated its first 'birthday' with a party in Cowbridge.

Next Saturday (June 23) at 7.30pm there will be a youth evening at Cowbridge Leisure Centre with a band from Essex called 'Kesed'.

A book has been published in Cowbridge recently called *Uncaged* the story of Neil Harvey from Cornelly and how his life got turned around – in prison! He will be at the event.

On July 1 in the Duke, First West Band from Louisiana are playing Soul, Gospel, Americano and Rock.

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St Bride's Major Carnival doesn't let a bit of wind and rain put a stop to all the fun!

The WI's float.

Not horse power – dog power!

Photographs by
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THE weather last weekend was definitely mixed, with strong winds and occasional heavy rain on the Saturday, and then a gentle, sunny day on the Sunday!

However, the organisers of St Bride's Major carnival didn't dwell on the fact that they picked the wrong day – everyone pulled together to defy the elements!

This year, the carnival started at Southerndown, and the procession made its way to St Bride's, before everyone settled at the show ground to enjoy the activities and entertainment.

The Flowerpot Men – and Little Weed.

The vintage tractors were a popular attraction.

COMMUNITY NEWS

TREOES, LLANGAN & ST MARY HILL

Your local correspondent is Nancy Davidge, "Tynewydd", Llangan. (01656) 860303

Diamond wedding

LOCAL couple Gwyneth and Cyril Jones have celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary.

They first met as small children while attending the local primary school in Llangan, but it wasn't until adulthood that they met again and eventually married in St Mary Hill Church on June 7, 1952.

Gwyneth and Cyril celebrated their anniversary on June 3 with a party at the Corntown Cricket Club with their three children, seven grandchildren and 60 guests, who included friends from the Young at Heart Club.

Gwyneth and Cyril were thrilled to receive a signed photograph and congratulatory card from the Queen.

They would like to thank everyone for their gifts and for making their anniversary such a memorable occasion.

Llanfest

THIS year's Llanfest, which took place at St Mary Hill on Saturday, June 16, was affected by the unseasonable weather, with many would-be visitors staying away.

The Llangan Primary School choir, however, braved the conditions to perform.

School diary

ON June 19, children in Nursery and Reception at Llangan School enjoyed a trip to 'Play Park' in Cardiff.

June 25, sports day; June 27, reserve sports day; June 28, school trip to Heatherton (Pembrokeshire).

Treoes 'races'

HURRY, there is still time to dress up, put on your fancy hat, go along to The Star for lunch, and imagine you are at the Ascot races!

Resignation

I WAS extremely surprised to hear of the resignation of Mrs Mari Major, clerk to the Llangan Community Council.

Mari has carried out her work with the council with extreme professionalism. *She will be a hard act to follow, whoever takes her place.*

ABOVE:
There were pony rides for the little ones.

PUPILS GET A SURPRISE THEN GIVE LOCAL MP A GRILLING!

Alun Cairns MP with Ysgol Iolo Morganwg year-6 pupils.

VALE MP Alun Cairns surprised pupils in year-6 at Ysgol Iolo Morganwg by turning up for morning assembly recently.

He presented pupils with a certificate following their visit to Parliament at the end of May. The Cowbridge pupils had made an early start to make sure that they arrived at Westminster in time for their tour of the Houses of Parliament.

As part of the educational tour, they learnt about the stages of policy-making, how to hold an election, balloting, and voting.

Mr Cairns said he had arranged with head-teacher Dylan Evans to join the school assembly and present the pupils with a certificate and photo of their day at Westminster.

Following the morning assembly, he joined year-6 teacher Owain Jones in the classroom and was grilled by the children during a question and answer session.

Mr Cairns reported: "I think it's important that the young people of today are aware of politics and how it can impact on their lives.

"It was great to surprise the pupils during their end of term school assembly to present them with their certificates.

"From the question and answer session, it was clear to me that the educational visit really did bring politics to life for the children."

Year-6 teacher, Owain Jones added: "This visit to Westminster has been an experience that will last a lifetime for the children; we have studied the Houses of Parliament in the classroom and through a specific Parliamentary educational pack – the children have loved every minute of it."

Vale Ramblers stroll through the villages

ON Sunday, Vale of Glamorgan Ramblers met at Cowbridge Town Hall car park, and made their way north of the town, which surprisingly, after so much rain, was not as muddy as we thought it would be.

Making our way through the pretty villages to Maendy, we stopped for coffee, then on towards Prisk, picking up the footpath which would eventually bring us out near Hensol Woods.

We made our way to the lake where anglers were fishing along the bank. Lunch was eaten in the grounds of Welsh St Donats parish church, before the walk resumed, towards Aberthin.

We were greeted at one point by noisy Alpacas as we were nearing their field.

Finally entering the village of Aberthin, we bade farewell to one of our leaders - John Moore, who had walked the majority of the way round, despite having a hamstring injury, before we returned to Cowbridge.

Further information on the Vale Ramblers is available at valeofglamorganramblers.co.uk or follow us on Facebook and twitter.

GWENDA FITZPATRICK.

Laleston fete

THE St David's Church, Laleston, holds its annual fete on Saturday, July 21, from 12 noon until 4pm.

It will be opened by Professor Laura McAllister, Head of Sport Wales, (former Wales football international).

Bouncy castle, face painting, tombola, coconut shy, trash and treasure stall; refreshments, burgers, hot dogs and Welsh cakes. Free admission.

Further details at www.laleston.org.uk

St Mary Hill fair raised £3,000 for Macmillan Nurses

ABOVE:
Coity Wallia Conservators' chairman, Clive Davies hands the cheque to Erith Morgan. Alongside is the fair organiser Lyn Wood.

MORE than 400 people in the area received help from Macmillan Nurses last year, said secretary of Bridgend Macmillan Cancer Support committee, Erith Morgan.

Ms Morgan received a cheque for £3,000 from Coity Wallia Board of Conservators, organisers of the 2011 St Mary Hill Fair.

She told members that last year the support committee raised £23,160 and it was sent to the central fund.

A staggering £135,000 was sent back to the area to support the work it carries out.

Macmillan Cancer Support aims to improve the lives of all those affected by the disease and this year is launching a campaign to raise awareness of the financial impact on people diagnosed with it.

"The challenges of living in a rural area and an ageing population, means that cancer poverty is a huge issue for many people," said Mrs Morgan.

"Research has shown that 91 per cent of households suffer loss of income and/or increased costs as a result of cancer diagnosis."

From the £135,000 received in the area, £42,000 was spent on fuel and in one way or another 403 people were helped.

Mrs Morgan thanked the board and said the donation would be wisely spent on local people who really needed the help.

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Vale Council's thumbs-up to feasibility study

Giving hope to medieval village

by LEIGH GRUFFYDD SANDERS

SUPPORTERS of Cosmeston Medieval Village have seen their hopes of a continued manned site boosted by the council's decision to undertake a feasibility study into the running of the venue.

The study will look into the possibility of the Vale Council running the tourist attraction, archaeology site and educational tool, in partnership with other bodies.

It gives campaigners hope that they will get their wish to be involved in the running process through the Cosmeston Medieval Village Trust, which they have set up for this purpose.

Bob Guy, operational manager, countryside and economic projects for the Vale Council, told The GEM:

"The council is keen that this important site works to its full potential as an educational and tourism facility.

"The recent changes to the operation have ensured the village is affordable, and our priority is now to explore opportunities to strengthen it.

"This could involve partnership with the local community or businesses, strengthening volunteer activity and seeking resources for investment.

"In the meantime, we are already working with one local group developing ideas for their possible future role at the village."

Tracey Alexander, heavily involved in the campaign, told The GEM: "We will be meeting the council and we will be looking to form a partnership to open up the full potential of the village.

"The village is very important and of national significance. It has value for the future in terms of education, tourism and heritage.

"Everyone involved is passionate about the village and we want a community around the village involved with us."

Earlier this year, the council made the decision to make three redundancies at the site (two full-time and one part-time member of staff) in a bid to save £50,000.

The village's collection of rare breed animals was re-homed, but entry to the village was made free in the hope of attracting more visitors.

Stanwell councillor Mark Wilson was one of those involved in pushing for the feasibility study and he believes this is "a step in the right direction" in keeping the attraction fully open to the public.

He told The GEM: "At one stage I wasn't sure the village had a future. This puts the village on the map and raises awareness."

Sully councillor Kevin Mahoney stated that although money was tight, the importance of the site could not be ignored.

He told The GEM: "I am not party to the group, but will lobby for them.

"As a tourist and local information point, it is very important. The educational benefit to locals and tourists is massive. If there's a cohesive plan it's a huge asset to the Vale, even on a European scale."

A public meeting will be held by the Cosmeston Medieval Village Trust on June 28 at 8pm in the Jubilee Hall, Smithies Avenue, Sully, to give updates on the current situation.

£30,000 donation for Eisteddfod handed over by town council

A DONATION of £30,000 towards the costs of the National Eisteddfod at Llandow in August was handed over to Mr Euryn Ogwen Williams by the Mayor, Coun Les Sword, at the Barry Town Council grants awards recently.

Other councillors were present, including Coun Stuart Egan.

They confirmed the town council's presence at the festival, and that the three Vale Bardic Chairs 1920 and 1968 (Barry) and 2012 would be on display in their area, along with other mementos.

A £30,000 donation was handed over at the recent Barry Town Council Grants Awards presentation.

CCTV arrests

POLICE made eight arrests in Barry, including three for alleged theft, thanks to CCTV monitoring.

CCTV operators at the Vale Council contacted police on 27 occasions during the week ending June 17.

On June 12, one person was arrested concerning criminal damage on Columbus Close and a wanted person was arrested on Holton Road on June 14. On June 15, police made a public order arrest, also on Holton Road.

One person was arrested for alleged assault on Market Street on June 16 and another concerned a burglary at Dunlin Court the same day.

Bridge results

THE latest results from Barrivale Bridge Club on June 12 were:

First: Mark Roderick and Noelle Bond 66.07 per cent.

Second: Irene Thomas and Graham Jones 63.02 per cent.

Third: Mick Green and Mike Close 57.29 per cent.

Irene and Graham won on handicap.

New members are always welcome at Barrivale, if you would like to join us ring 01446 733425 or call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road Barry on Tuesdays at 7 pm.

PACT meetings

CASTLELAND PACT, June 25 at Bendricks Cafe, Wimbourne Road at 7pm.

BUTTRILLS PACT, June 28, Philip John Community Room, Barry Library, Tynewydd Road at 6.30pm.

BONVILSTON coffee and chat meeting, June 28, Red Lion public house at 11am.

ST ATHAN PACT, July 1, The Gathering Place at 2pm.

CADOC PACT, July 3, Palmerston Community Learning Centre at 6pm.

YSTRADOWEN coffee and chat, July 3, Village Hall at 11am.

ILLTYD PACT, July 4, Mount Sorrel Hotel, Porthkerry Road at 7pm.

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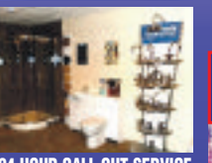

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The Vale opens up its (cultural) heart to tourists and visitors

ASSEMBLY NOTES

by Vale AM
JANE HUTT
(Minister for Finance and Leader of the House)

OVER the past week, I have attended a number of cultural, historical and business events in the Vale of Glamorgan, which have all attracted tourists and visitors and help to put the Vale on the map for heritage, the arts and tourism.

I invited the Deputy Minister for Rural Affairs, Alun Davies AM, to visit projects and schemes developed by Creative Rural Communities in the Vale Council, to deliver the rural development plan, funded by the Welsh Government and European Agricultural Fund.

We set out on a wet and windy afternoon to see the regeneration of Llantwit Major town centre supported by voluntary effort, as well as the private sector, as part of the rural development plan and it was great to show the Minister what can be achieved through partnerships of this kind.

We dropped into the St Bride's Major church hall, which has received financial support via Creative Rural Communities, for a number of developments to provide much needed facilities for the local communities it serves.

To see the children enjoying the playgroup, the exercise class in action and the facilities in this hall was excellent.

New campsites

The next stop was the launch of the new camping scheme with six new campsites opening in the summer on the Heritage Coast. The launch took place at the Heritage Coast campsite, just along the lane from the Plough and Harrow in Monknash.

There are six campsites opening this summer along the Heritage Coast including Lougher Moor, the Three Golden Cups, Pool Farm, Ogmore-by-Sea and Farmers Fields. For more information visit www.perfectpitch-camping.co.uk.

These campsites will open over the next few weeks, in time for the National Eisteddfod as tens of thousands of people visit the Vale of Glamorgan for this most important national cultural event in Wales.

They also lie alongside the Wales coastal path, which is attracting many visitors to our beautiful country.

Festivals

There are a number of other festivals and events over the summer in the Vale of Glamorgan for the cultural and heritage calendar, including the 'Beyond the Border Storytelling Festival' at Atlantic College at the end of June and the 'Barry Arts Festival' at the end of July. Look up the details on their websites!

For inspiring exhibitions, there is still time to visit the Pierhead Building in Cardiff Bay to see 'Between the Lines,' the exhibition developed and produced by Barry Artist, Glyn Pooley, featuring many familiar faces in portraits and photos with messages from those featured about what inspires and motivates their lives.

Equally inspiring is the photographic exhibition mounted by Wick Artist, Sol Jorgensen, to mark Carers' Week, which is called 'The Silent Feelings.'

She says of the exhibition: "My son cannot hear, nor can he speak. It is said that 90 per cent of communication is non-verbal. Well, we work with that. My son chooses people as friends on things other than words."

This exhibition is at Butetown History and Arts Centre on Bute Street in Cardiff Bay, until June 24.

Exhibition

This week, I am also launching the Cardiff and Vale College art students exhibition at Art Central in Kings Square, Barry – also well worth a visit to see the skill and imagination of our students exhibiting their work for display at the end of their academic year.

With the rich history of Barry displayed at the weekend on Barry Island station and Hood Road, in memory of American soldiers in 1942 who came for D Day preparations, following the Kings Square open air service on Friday, June 15, the children who took part in the steam train trip to Barry Island as 'evacuees,' brought history to life for them in a meaningful way.

AM's surgery

JANE HUTT AM for the Vale will hold a surgery on Saturday, June 23 at 10am-12 noon in the Barry CAB Office, 119 Broad Street, Barry.

PARALYMPIC ACE SIMON GETTING BACK ON HIS BIKE FOR CHARITY

WALES Air Ambulance's newest ambassador, Paralympic cycling champion Simon Richardson MBE, is getting back on his bike for the helicopter charity.

The Porthcawl athlete, who won one silver and two gold medals at the Paralympic Games in Beijing in 2008, was airlifted by Wales Air Ambulance after being involved in a collision on the A48 between Bridgend and Cowbridge. Simon has since had to step down from defending his gold medals at the London Paralympics in September.

On Friday (June 15), Simon and 50 other confirmed cyclists took to Newport's Velodrome for a 10-hour Trackathon, raising money for the charity.

The challenge was open to all riders with different teams for different experience levels.

Wales Air Ambulance fundraising manager, Mark Stevens, said: "We're thrilled Simon is so wholeheartedly supporting our cause. His determination in both his recovery and his fundraising is nothing short of extraordinary, and we urge everyone to back the Simon Strong Campaign.

"Around 40 per cent of our missions are to RTCs and many of these involve cyclists, especially as we approach the summer months. Wales Air Ambulance can airlift a patient from Porthcawl to Heath Hospital in less than 12 minutes, which can make that lifesaving difference in an emergency."

Simon Richardson at Wales Air Ambulance's Leap into Action Launch.

Roadworks report

TEMPORARY traffic control: Ramsey Road, Barry. Langlands Road, Barry. A4055 Port Road, junction with Pencoedtre Lane, Barry. Penarth Portway. Newland Farm, Llangan. A48 Cowbridge.

Road closure: Stanwell Road, junction with Woodland Place and Windsor Road, Hickman Road, Windsor Road between Hickman Road and Stanwell Road, Penarth.

Group formed to protect Vale coast

A NEW group is being formed to monitor coastal archaeological sites in the Vale.

The project is called 'Arfordir' and aims to work with volunteers to monitor and look after vulnerable coastal archaeological sites.

A spokeswoman said: "The study area covers the Vale coastline, which is under threat from coastal erosion, so we're looking for people to volunteer and get involved."

There will be a chance to find out more at a meeting on Thursday, July 12, at 10am in Porthkerry Country Park, where organisers will be talking about the project, and then walking around the park to visit some local sites.

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OPERATION BEE RESCUE FROM FALLEN DOVE COTE!

VARIATION is certainly the theme of the past few weeks; we are now well into June and regular checks on the hives here at Fonmon, have helped me to minimise swarming.

However, one hive has swarmed and they went into a bait hive I had hung in a nearby tree, they are now safely installed in another empty hive on site.

A multitude of swarm calls has been the lot of Barbara Chick and I of late, some easy to collect and some not so easy.

These have ranged from the face of a wall, and to brushing some from ornamental ironwork railings using a paintbrush.

One lot of bees in particular (not a swarm) presented me with quite a task. These bees inhabited a dove cote and have done so for some years, I have retrieved swarms from their locality several times in the past, but this time it was not a swarm it was the dove cote that had toppled from its stand and crashed to the floor spreading bees and comb all in a heap. Fortunately, it was raining and this helped to keep the bees in a cluster and not flying about. What to do?

My solution was to place a brood box alongside the cluster of bees, then I selected from the heap three pieces of comb covered in bees and placed them inside my box, by standing them upright between several frames the bees on these pieces of comb could access decent honeycomb and some semblance of hive order was achieved.

Immediately, bees started to enter the new box (hive) and my task was easier now.

The rain was still with me and the bees, it seemed, wanted to be out of it. Next I added a crown board (top cover) onto the top of the rain exposed box but, instead of placing it correctly and sealing the box I drew it back at least 15mm to allow bees to enter through the top of the box as well as in by the front entrance.

By this time thousands of bees were on and around the box but much honeycomb and bees were still on the floor exposed to the elements.

To accommodate the rest of the honeycomb and bees, I had to add another box to the top of the existing one and sit it on top of the cover board, to allow bees to emerge from this top box if they wished to do so to get to the lower box I had to place a slip of wood under one corner, so creating a gap between the edge of the added box and the existing crown board.

This top box was covered with several sheets of newspaper with deliberate slits cut into it so that bees could emerge from the top through the paper if they so wished and to enter the lower box that was hopefully housing the queen. A metal grid kept the paper in place and let the bees through.

This completed the first stage of the rescue; I left the bees to it and on returning at 8pm, all of the bees were indeed in their temporary new home. (Still raining) Apart from the rain, the real reason for the bees to enter the box was because the queen was in there and she emits a Pheromone that holds them as a unit.

When bees do swarm it is that chemical message (Pheromone) that enables them to stay as a group until a new home is found. It must be said that many, many dead bees were crushed between the collapsed honeycombs much as people are crushed when an earthquake causes their homes to collapse.

The Dovecote bees are now sited at Fonmon, still in their two box temporary home. Over the next week they will be eased into a correctly assembled hive.

So, while most people were watching TV and hoping to see the Queen of the realm, I was watching a mass of bees and hoping to see the queen of the hive Handling swarms is just part of a beekeepers year, and as swarming is a natural element of a bees life cycle I will I know get much more practice before the year is out.

I will keep you posted as to the future of the Dove cote swarm. **HAROLD WILLIAMS.**

'Hands off the Dragoon Guards!' – MP

BRIDGEND MP, Madeleine Moon, has met with a group of 60 Queen's Dragoon Guards veterans at Westminster, who are campaigning to save their regiment.

Wales' only armoured regiment is facing an uncertain future as it is being considered for amalgamation with other regiments as part of defence cutbacks.

The Queen's Dragoon Guards has been involved in every major operation since the end of the Second World War, most recently in Afghanistan.

The MP reported: "I was delighted to meet veterans of the regiment who have given up their time to come to London and lobby ministers as part of their campaign. I hope their commitment to the cause of the regiment will persuade Ministers to leave the regiment alone.

"It appears that the regiment is being targeted because the Prime Minister wants to avoid any move that would affect Scottish regiments which would impact on the referendum."

"The only reason the regiment is being considered for amalgamation is that it escaped last time. The plan to amalgamate it simply does not make any sense. Nine per cent of army recruits come from Wales and the Regiment retains strong links with Wales.

"If the regiment is amalgamated, Welsh youngsters will no longer be able to join an armoured regiment," she pointed out.

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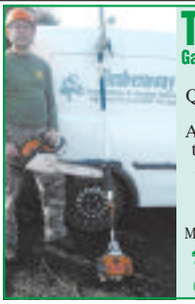
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Vale Council allays concern over Buttrills pathway plans

A meeting took place on June 13 between officers of the Vale Council and local Barry councillors to discuss public concerns over plans to build a combined footway and cycleway around part of Buttrills Field.

The route is along the northern and eastern perimeter of the fields and Dyfan Councillors Claire Curtis and Anthony Powell wanted assurances it would not impact on nearby residents.

Council officers explained that the council had a 'Safe Routes in Communities' grant from the Welsh Government for the construction of a path of approximately 700 metres.

The grant is provided to promote the safety of vulnerable road users and to encourage healthier lifestyles for people in the area near Barry Comprehensive School.

The route through Buttrills Field will provide a safe and convenient link from Colcot Road to North Walk / St. Fagans Avenue, commencing at the existing footpath between numbers 158 and 160 Colcot Road, extending around the northern and eastern perimeter of the field to emerge adjacent to number 59 North Walk, Barry.

The new shared surface will be approximately three metres wide and will not be covered or lit. Its aim is to safely accommodate both pedestrian and cycle movements in both directions.

Coun Curtis said: "I was concerned, due to comments received from residents while canvassing for my current position as ward councillor, and since I have been elected, that residents in the vicinity had not been provided with sufficient details in respect of this scheme.

"Most did not seem to know the reason for the footpath-cycleway, or the details of its location and the extent of its construction.

"I am happy that after meeting with officers, the scheme should not unduly affect nearby residents or users of the sports field and should offer a valuable amenity to cyclists and pedestrians in the area."

Coun Anthony Powell added; "This additional investment of £300k by the Welsh Government in our ward is welcomed.

"It is, however, a pity that our constituents have become so concerned about this project due to what appears to be mostly the absence of accurate and timely information."

Construction is due to start on July 2.

'Thank you'

RESIDENTS and all who enjoyed the Diamond Jubilee celebrations at East View, Llandow, wish to say a special thank you to Helen and Sam, for organising and making it a great success.

A fab time was had by all!

Daphne Williams, Llandow.

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Family tribute raises £10,000 for Marie Curie

ABOVE: Perkins family members with the cheque for Marie Curie.
(Photographed by Heather March).

A VALE family – a father and his five sons – recently raised £10,000 for Marie Curie in memory of their mother.

More than 300 guests came to an evening event in memory of Barbara Perkins.

Gareth Perkins told The GEM: "My mother, Barbara Perkins, formerly from Llanharan, who lived at Castle Court, Moulton, passed away peacefully on January 3 this year, at Marie Curie, Penarth.

"She was 74 and had received wonderful care from the dedicated Marie Curie nurses throughout her illness".

As a tribute to their mother, and in appreciation of her love and devotion, husband Wyndham and her five sons Ray, Gareth, Anthony, Kevin, Robert – and a close friend, Carolyn Campbell – organised an evening at Cottrell Park Golf Club on Barbara's birthday (May 26) to celebrate her life and raise funds for Marie Curie.

Gareth reported: "A total of 340 guests attended, all of whom enjoyed a supper and various fundraising activities in a newly-erected marque at the golf club. It was a beautiful sunny evening, and entertainment was offered by harpist player, Bethan Hughes, who played while the guests arrived.

"Llanharan singing star, Hannah Thomson, demonstrated her amazing voice ,and a rousing sing-along was conducted by another great entertainer, Aubrey Parsons.

"The pinnacle of the fundraising events was an auction conducted by Phill Thomas of HRT. Donated gifts to the auction,more than 40 items in all, aroused great interest and some feverish bidding.

"The event raised a net sum of £10,000, and the family would like to thank everyone for all their kind donations, and all the people who attended, plus the staff at Cottrell Park, for the successful night.

"The cheque for £10,000. was presented to a Marie Curie representative Georgina Borne on June 13 at Cottrell Park, as an acknowledgement of their appreciation for the dedication and care given to the family's beloved wife and mother, Barbara."

VALE MP's VIEWPOINT

THE FIGHT TO SAVE OUR THREATENED WELSH REGIMENTS

Conservative MP Alun Cairns reports to GEM readers

OVER recent weeks, many GEM readers will be aware of the planned reduction in the size of the regular forces – which will mean a rationalization of army regiments.

There are reports that 1st The Queen's Dragoon Guards and a battalion of the Royal Welsh are potential casualties.

The QDG is the only Welsh element of the Royal Armoured Corps and the 1st and 2nd Battalions of the Royal Welsh are infantry regiments. All are associated with Wales and have strong links with the Vale of Glamorgan.

The QDG also known as the Welsh Cavalry and are regarded as one of the most senior British frontline forces. The Royal Welsh were made up from the merger of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers and Royal Regiment of Wales.

I am very concerned about the potential risks to the Queen's Dragoon Guards and the 2nd Battalion Royal Welsh. I am doing all I can to play a leading role in securing their future.

I've received many letters from constituents and forces personnel and families, expressing their doubts too.

As a result, last week I organized and chaired an all-party briefing and planning meeting on the latest position. Former senior officers of both regiments explained to MPs of all parties their roles, their history and, most importantly, how their make-up is a vital fit in the future shape of the army.

There is little traction in the point that a regiment needs to be saved simply because it is Welsh.

It is more important to show how the Welsh regiments fit into the MoD's policies that stemmed from the strategic defence and security review.

There is a plan for a more specialised, mobile, amphibious and task led defence force. After all, recent activities in theatre have shown that modern warfare has changed out of all recognition.

Retired officers, Colonel Tim Wilson of the QDG and Brigadier Iain Cholerton from the Royal Welsh, updated MPs on the background and the options potentially available to the MoD, who are reducing the numbers of soldiers. Our record in recruitment is first class. Many regiments are forced to attract soldiers from the Commonwealth.

This is something that we don't have to do. We punch well above our weight in the make-up of the army.

Providing manpower to the army is one of the most tangible and visible ways a local community can feel connected with the whole nation.

The representative footprint is also relevant, as it is to see prominent roles for all nations of the UK.

The meeting agreed a plan that involves representation to Downing Street, debates in Parliament, joint statements and support on an all-party basis.

We can win the debate on the strength of our case.

Such plans and policies will then mean that the famous cap-badges will remain and that our history will be reflected in the future make-up of the forces.

For one weekend only Barry is transported back to 1940s

ABOVE: '1944 in Barry' as a US soldier passes the time of day with an air raid warden and a local bobby.

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In recent years, food festivals have been a place to enjoy fantastic food and the events have proved a magnet for both gourmets and 'hearty eaters'. An excellent family day out!

Now, one Welsh events company is aiming to turn an ordinary food festival into something truly extraordinary, by adding a whole lot of extras!

Set in the glorious and exclusive surroundings of Fonmon Castle, on the weekend of Saturday, June 30, and Sunday, July 1, the Welsh Summer Country Fair and Food Festival will be celebrating summer in style.

Organiser Kim Dowdell told The GEM: "This will be a new and unique event where a bunting clad marquee village will nestle right next door to a beautiful medieval castle, creating the perfect setting to taste the very best in award-winning food, real ales, cider and fine wines.

"There will be live music, as well as a beautiful selection of hand-crafted unique jewellery, accessories and fashion."

She continued: "It will be a chance to discover all things charming, stylish and chic to add inspirational style to your home and garden."

"There will be so much to do, with the elegant castle rooms open for cream teas, the gardens (in full bloom) open for a leisurely stroll. Along with tutored wine tastings, and chef demonstrations.

There are also no less than three real ale breweries to choose from as well as our fabulous champagne marquee, where you will find a full range of drinks to suit all budgets. as well as live music to suit all tastes, including 10 piece live soul band Dansette.

"It is by far one of the biggest summer days out in the area this year."

"We have a huge array of award-winning food at 'Food at Fonmon', and we are also launching a new business, Deliberately Scrumptious, where Hannah Aylward from Cowbridge will be selling her fabulous cupcakes, brownies and more – all from a bright bubble gum pink van!

"Unusual vehicles are definitely part of the event, with artist on the road Sue Mcdonagh, coffee specialist Mocha Choca Latta, and master butcher Eric Smith from Llantwit Major business Farmers Pantry, who will be selling his home made sausages – including a sausage being created especially for the event – from his grass covered van, a very distinctive sight around the Vale!"

Kim Dowdell said: "We wanted to create something different and exciting for the Vale.

"Building on the sound and popular foundations of a food festival, we have expanded it to create a weekend with a difference, immersed in lovely food, indulgent shopping, enjoyment and celebration, all in a luxurious and relaxing setting.

"As a small business ourselves, our ethos is to support and promote other local businesses (not just from the Vale, but the rest of Wales and beyond).

"This event has been a delight to organise, and all our exhibitors a pleasure to work with – each with their own pinch of unique charm. It is impossible to choose a favourite!"

The Welsh Country Fair will be open to the public from 10am to 6pm on both Saturday, June 30, and Sunday, July 1, with admission priced at £6 for adults.

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How many villages can boast their own leisure complex and a choice of pubs with excellent dining?

No wonder local people in Rhoose are so keen to invest in its future by starting up businesses of their own.

That confidence was demonstrated last week by Kathryn Johnson and Jo Greenough who opened their new 'Posh Pawz' salon.

The ladies don't believe in doing things by half and managed to persuade Welsh football star, Craig Bellamy, to open the new shop.

Craig not only did the honours, he spent time chatting to local fans who turned up, and happily signed autographs, too.

So why did the ladies decide on the new venture?

Kathryn explained: "We are dog lovers ourselves and there was nothing in the centre of Rhoose for grooming, so we decided to provide the service ourselves."

Jo added: "We are open five and half days a week and people can either pop in with their dog, or telephone us on 01446 710044 to book an appointment."

Apart from normal cuts, Posh Pawz will also provide nail clipping and ear cleaning.

ANNIVERSARY

Vanessa Carty is a local resident who opened up a new hair and beauty salon in Stewart Road last year.

She told The GEM: "We're celebrating our first anniversary. Our customers don't just come from Rhoose, but from around the Vale.

"People like the fact that we are experts in colour techniques and use the Affinage products.

"We also use the Kitoko product which helps to reconstruct the hair."

Sublime Hair is more than just a hairdresser's – Therese runs the beauty section offering manicures, pedicures, waxing, spray tans and gel nails.

'GINGER'

Another local person who has invested his future in the community is Gareth Newman who is known affectionately as 'Ginger'.

Gareth of 'Newman and Newman', who lives on Rhoose Point with wife Michelle and daughters Lola (6) and Megan (13) told The GEM: "I've worked as a professional plasterer and builder in the local area for 20 years now.

"I specialise in modern extensions and loft conversions.

"I'm proud to serve the local community. Over the years, the business has grown – often by word of mouth – because people have been pleased with the work."

Although much of Gareth's work is local, he does do jobs elsewhere in the Vale and Cardiff.

DINING

The area is also served well by local public houses such as The Highwayman, The Fontygary Inn and The Six Bells at nearby Penmark. All of them are friendly community pubs with good quality dining.

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Welsh international footballer Craig Bellamy opening the new 'doggy' salon in Rhoose 'Posh Pawz'.

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ABOVE: Left to right, the team at Sublime Hair – Claire, Vanessa, Zoe, Therese and Tyler.

The Highwayman at Nurston on the outskirts of Rhoose.

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Local public houses are also constantly improving what is on offer, as James explained: "We're just about to issue a new menu with a wide choice of dishes and we're running a special offer of two courses for just £9.95."

LEISURE

Apart from all the excellent local services, Rhoose can also claim excellent leisure opportunities.

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For families wanting to enjoy a day at the coast, Fontygary Leisure Park, with its state-of-the-art facilities,including a 25-metre heated pool and fully-equipped gymnasium, can provide a perfect day's relaxation and enjoyment.

The manager, Jennie Flanigan, explained that a lot of local people, and those from further afield in Barry and Cardiff, don't realise that the park welcomes all members of the public and they don't have to be members.

She said: "Families can come down for the day, with the parents enjoying a drink or ice-cream and the spectacular views, while the children play in one of the three play parks, or have a game of football or rounders on the field.

"The pool in the leisure complex is very popular and we have access to the beach which is lifeguarded. Children enjoy exploring the rockpools.

"There are lovely walks all the way from the park to Rhoose Point and in the other direction, too.

"For something to eat or drink, there's the Lite Bite cafe, the fish and chip bar, and the Indian and Chinese restaurants open at 6pm."

The leisure and fitness facilities at the park include a cardiovascular room complete with rowers, bikes and cross trainers, a weights room, a jacuzzi, a sauna, and the pool, which is open seven days a week, has fun equipment like slides and wobstacles for the children.

The park also lays on free entertainment for the children.

Rhoose's claim to fame is that it is the most southerly village in the whole of Wales and can even boast of its own micro-climate – but thanks to a strong community, it can boast of a lot more besides.

ABOVE: Regulars at the Fontygary Inn were gripped by the Australia versus Wales rugby international on Saturday morning.

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AM and NHS Trust continue the argument over future of Princess of Wales A & E

Report by **PHILIP IRWIN**

A regional AM has sent an urgent letter to health chiefs asking about the future of the emergency department at the Princess of Wales Hospital.

However, a spokeswoman for the NHS Trust insists that no decision has been made yet.

Suzy Davies, who is a Welsh Conservative regional AM for south Wales west, said that she was very unsettled by "strong rumours circulating among staff" at the hospital that the accident and emergency department is to be downgraded, under the re-configuration of health services now being considered.

She said: "At the moment, this department is open 24/7 and I am informed by residents that it is busy right through the early hours.

"Rumours suggest that it may be downgraded, either by dealing with minor injuries only, or by having its opening hours cut. If that is the case, then major emergencies could be diverted to Morriston Hospital, which is a considerable distance away from the eastern edges of Bridgend borough and the northern valleys.

"I have grave concerns about the ability of Morriston to cope with an extra influx of emergencies from the Bridgend area.

"I know from personal experience, that the waiting room is full of triaged patients whose morale slowly disintegrates as they wait hour after hour,

"A and E services at Singleton have already gone. Plans for possible cuts to emergency services at Llanelli suggest further pressures for Morriston."

Mrs Davies has written to Paul Roberts, chief executive of the Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board, which runs health services in the area.

She said: "We know that changes are afoot, mainly as a result of the Welsh Labour Government's catastrophic decision to cut £1billion from the health budget.

"It is causing huge difficulties for health boards, who are also under greater pressure from a growing population and an ageing one.

"Wales's long-standing inability to recruit consultants is forcing centralisation on an unprecedented scale."

A spokeswoman for the ABMU Trust said: "*We are reviewing how we provide all our services in response to the Welsh Government's vision for NHS Wales 'Together for Health'.*

"*In addition, six health boards are jointly looking at some particularly fragile services through the south Wales programme – this includes emergency medicine services across the whole of south Wales.*"

The spokeswoman did agree, however, that a shortage of emergency medicine doctors was a factor in any changes that are being considered.

She continued: "*No decisions have been made about these services. However, it is clear we cannot support as many 24/7 emergency medicine services in Wales as there are at the moment, for the reasons set out in Professor Marcus Longley's paper: 'The national case for change', and in the leaflet sent by us to all households in Bridgend recently.*

"*There is a crisis in recruitment in emergency medicine across the UK, and we know that some outcomes could be improved for patients by redesigning how services are provided. We wish to provide services that are sustainable, safe and comparable with the best.*

"*ABMU will receive the recommendations of the 170 clinicians involved in the south Wales programme in July, and will then share our thoughts about options for the future of all our services, including emergency services, with staff and the public.*

"*We will consider all comments at the end of September and then produce a plan for the Minister that reflects those views in October. There may be public consultation on parts of the plan at that time.*

"*We are keen to hear the views of all our staff, patients and citizens. Everyone should consider signing up to 'You Tell Us (tm)' (www.youtellus.org) which is a website run for us by the University of Swansea to collect people's views now and in the future.*

"*We will also be holding public information events across ABMU to discuss the options we are considering throughout the summer and will publicise these in due course.*

"*There is much more information on our website www.changingforthebetter.org.uk.*"

NHS doctors claim 'pension strike' is matter of principle

by **TIM CHAPMAN**

AS The GEM was going to press, NHS doctors were preparing for a 24 - hour strike scheduled for today, Thursday, June 21.

The dispute between the Government and doctors relates to pension arrangements.

John Jenkins, the senior public affairs officer at BMA Cymru Wales insisted that doctors had voted in favour of strike action because it was a point of principle.

In an open letter to The GEM, Mr Jenkins explained:

"On June 21, doctors across Wales will be involved in a day of industrial action to protect the pensions of NHS staff. Why are they doing this?

"In 2008, the BMA and the UK Government came to an amicable and sensible agreement which can be found in the Commons library.

"In the NHS scheme, it was agreed that the employer contribution should be capped at or just above 14 per cent until 2016, and at 14 per cent after that.

"Should there be an increase in cost employers will pick up the first part through an increase in contributions up to 14.2 per cent. Any further increase would have to be met by employees either through contribution increases or benefit changes.

"In other words – there would be no cost whatsoever to the taxpayer. If there was a shortfall, NHS employees would top it up – not the taxpayer.

"Unlike the present government, the NHS pension scheme is not under pressure. Indeed, it is £7billion in credit. In fact, it already hands over £2billion a year to the Treasury.

"But the government wants to milk it even further.

"Having made this agreement four years ago, doctors are now told that the government is tearing up this agreement and refusing to negotiate.

"It means that new entrants into the profession will have to work until they are 68 and contribute even more of their salary to the pension fund so that the Government can take more out.

"It is 40 years since doctors felt so strongly about an issue that they took such action. This is a matter of principle and a matter of honour, and standing up for one's principles is an honourable one."

Doctors say they will provide 'urgent and emergency care' where treatment cannot be safely postponed. It is the first time doctors have taken strike action since 1975.

The Health Secretary, Andrew Lansley, insisted that reform of pensions was essential as a consequence of people living longer and pointed out that the NHS pension scheme was one of the best available.

"The public will not understand or sympathise with the BMA's call for industrial action over their pensions.

"People know that pension reform is needed as people live longer and to be fair in future for everyone.

"We have been clear that the NHS pension scheme is, and will remain, one of the best available anywhere.

"Every doctor within 10 years of retirement will receive the pension they expected, when they expected.

"Today's newly qualified doctor who works to 65 will get the same pension as the average consultant retiring today would receive at 60 – the BMA have already accepted a pension age of 65.

"If doctors choose to work to 68 then they could expect to receive a larger pension of £68,000," he added.

Euro evening for appeal fares better than Engelbert!

A 'EUROVISION evening', sponsored and hosted by The Little Blue Deli in Thompson Street, Barry, in aid of All Saints' Church Organ Appeal, was a sell-out success.

A packed Deli audience enjoyed hot dishes from around Europe, prepared and served by Jonathan (owner of the Deli) and his team, who all worked free of charge.

Screens had been installed specially for the event so that the Eurovision Song Contest could be watched, and each table chose one or more favourite countries to support, and many brought along appropriate flags!

Sadly, Britain's entry, Englebert Humperdinck, came in last but one, so there were no prizes for that table. A table cheering on the Russian Grannies fared slightly better. Members of the winning table (Sweden) were duly presented with chocolate medals.

In addition to the song contest, there was a highlight of impromptu entertainment from Jack Feureisen (one of our waiters) who delighted everyone with a few solo numbers.

A successful raffle, with numerous prizes, added to funds and the winner of the 'guess the amount in the collection tin' competition (afternoon tea donated by the Deli) was Jane James of 'Jade' in High Street.

The grand total raised from the event was £556.23. Sincere thanks to all who supported the event or donated raffle prizes.

In addition to the above, a further £264 was presented for the pre-Christmas 'cake eating' at the Deli by members of All Saints' Church, and £16 was raised from a 'guess the weight of the pipe organ cake'. This brought the total amount raised by the Little Blue Deli for the organ appeal to £836. 23 – wonderful!

The two-year appeal was launched in May 2011 and aims to raise £70,000 to repair and restore the church's historic pipe organ. Almost £50,000 has been raised to date as a result of donations, fundraising events and grants.

A pipe sponsorship scheme was also recently launched. If you would like to help with our appeal, or wish to receive further information, visit www.barryallsaints.org.uk or contact Suzanne Grover on 01446 748621.

Suzanne Grover

Pupils make their Mark!

HIGH Street Primary School, Barry, has been awarded the prestigious ICT Mark.

It recognises the school's success in developing the strategic use of ICT in both administration and across the curriculum.

Headteacher, Mrs Howell commented: "We believe that ICT can be used in every aspect of learning and that it is essential our children are equipped for the modern world.

Hayley Davies, who co-ordinates ICT throughout the school, commented: "I am really proud of the pupils and teachers for all the hard work they have put in over the last two years to achieve this ICT award. We are now using ICT to make our school an exciting learning environment."

Motorcyclist dies after collision

POLICE are investigating after a motorcyclist died on the B4265 between Ewenny and St Bride's Major at 12.10pm yesterday, (Wednesday).

A Honda 600cc motorcycle was going towards St Brides Major when it collided with a white Ford transit van that was travelling in the opposite direction.

Tragically, the male rider of the motorcycle was pronounced dead at the scene.

Police are appealing for anyone who witnessed the collision, or who saw the manner in which the vehicles were being driven prior to the collision, to contact them.

Officers are also particularly keen to speak to two pedal cyclists who provided assistance at the scene.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Roads Policing Unit on (01656) 869 332, or 101, or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Vale flies Armed Forces flag

THE Armed Forces flag will be raised at the Vale Council's Civic Offices on Monday, June 25 and will fly all week to mark Armed Forces Day on Sunday, June 30.

Leader of the council, Coun Neil Moore, said: "We're pleased to take this opportunity to show our support for the Armed Forces and to remember the work of all our Servicemen and women."

Iron Horse's donation

THE Glamorgan Iron Horse Society held a tractor display at St Fagans recently and were able to donate £1,200 to the Air Ambulance appeal.

Arch of triumph for the Jubilee...

THE chairman and vice-chair of Wenvoe Community Council are pictured admiring the arch they commissioned to celebrate The Queen's Diamond Jubilee 2012.

Chairman J Bird said: "We feel this is a permanent tribute to mark what is a very special occasion". (The arch was constructed by Messrs Gates and Railings of Barry)

VVB APPRECI8 THE WORK OF VOLUNTEERS ACROSS THE VALE

THE Vale Volunteer Bureau hosted their 'Appreci8' event on June 9, to celebrate the work of volunteers across the Vale.

Hosted in King's Square, Barry, the event drew people from all sections of the community who enjoyed futsal (soft football), arts and crafts, street dance, the Area 41 live band and singers, a Zumba demo, a flashmob and many other activities.

Opened by Vibe's Motion Control Dancers, the event gave people the opportunity to find out more about the vital work that voluntary organisations undertake ranging from youth work to search and rescue.

Alison Steere, Director of the Vale Volunteer Bureau, said: "A lot of work and effort went into making the whole event run smoothly and the feedback we received from organisations and members of the public was excellent. It was even better than last year's!

"The Vale Volunteer Bureau would like to thank all the organisations and people who attended the event. As a result, we received a large number of enquiries regarding volunteering."

For further information on volunteering, contact the Vale Volunteer Bureau, 34 Holton Road, Barry. Opening hours:Monday-Friday, 10am-4pm. Call 01446 421782, email: ***info@vvb.org.uk, or visit: www.vvb.org.uk.***

Street dancers were just one of the attractions at VVB's Appreci8 event.

Ty Hafan lottery draw winners

THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan Crackerjackpot lottery draw number D726.

● **£2,000:** 590319.

● **The rollover, which now stands at £500, was not won this week.**

● **£10:** 3 4 6 2 5 4 , 786912, 416689, 886622, 740573, 521192, 771185, 569567, 938428, 485339, 252960, 421808, 599094, 385055, 792261, 552371, 826243, 200583, 679451, 317525.

● **£5:** 494553, 171346, 800600, 412073, 650793, 878089, 853764, 454466, 747686, 381615, 281754, 400406, 909665, 412218, 240368, 652202, 484981, 648231, 632216, 205739, 831444, 526296, 496125, 365955, 710730, 708239, 776853, 273906, 323101, 415279, 842473, 863881, 737475, 197214, 387571, 263251, 764346, 608718, 662140, 508334, 661799, 238345, 226913, 705721, 220350, 818689, 788877, 552115, 123068, 476291, 956995, 496516, 629251, 630957, 510142, 536113, 214812, 437735, 568091, 206889.

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For lottery information please call telephone 02920 672062.

YSGOL SANT CURIG NEWS

Sun shines on the school's sports day

IT has been a very busy week for pupils at Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Curig, including sports day for the foundation phase children.

The sun was shining and both children and parents thoroughly enjoyed the day.

Mrs Burns and her team organised sports day for the nursery children, Mrs Cross for the reception children and Miss Withey for the Year 1 and 2 pupils.

The children took part in an obstacle race, egg and spoon race and the traditional sprint.

Mr Jones, deputy head teacher, said, "After several cancellations last year, I was delighted for the children, parents and staff that this year's sports day went without a hitch; and a big thank you to everyone who supported, organised and took part. We've booked the same week of weather again next year!"

Walk to School Week!

MORE than 200 children celebrated 'Walk to School Week' recently.

They enjoyed the opportunity to walk to school with friends, parents and teachers.

Setting off from either Morrisons supermarket car park or Ysgol Bro Morgannwg, the 'Walk to School Bus' travelled more than a mile to school along a safe route.

Along the route the children got to see, hear and listen to things they wouldn't normally experience on their way to school, plus they got some fresh air and exercise!

Bu dros 200 o ddisgyblion yn helpu'n hamgylchedd drwy gerdded i'r ysgol, am wythnos gyfan, yn ystod Ebrill.

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Hoffwn ddiolch i bawb a oedd wedi cefnogi'r ysgol.

Vale AM praises 'Rights Fighters'

THE winners of the prestigious UK Phillip Lawrence Award, Vale People First, brought their winning film on 'Rights Fighters' to the National Assembly recently.

Members were also the actors and authors of the script and songs. The 'Superhero' came in costume and said he would like the world to see this important film about the rights of young people with learning disabilities.

Vale AM Jane Hutt AM hosted the event and welcomed the pioneering work of Vale People First.

"Vale People First is an outstanding group of young people championed by Liz Davidson and her team," she said.

"This inspiring film, which shows how discrimination and prejudice can be overcome, needs to be seen widely and extensively to get the message across.

"I congratulate Vale People First for their inspiring and important work."

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Young poets find inspiration at beauty spot

The GEM is proud to be an official partner of the 2012 National Eisteddfod in the Vale of Glamorgan

Mae'r GEM yn falch o fod yn un o bartneriaid swyddogol Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Bro Morgannwg, 2012

Schoolchildren from six primary schools in Glamorgan have been exploring the wildlife living on their doorstep.

In the coming weeks, back in the classroom, the pupils will re-capture their experiences through poetry, which they will present at this year's National Eisteddfod in the Vale.

More than 100 pupils joined the Vale's countryside rangers to explore the wonders of Porthkerry Country Park and Cosmeston Lake Country Park.

The 'nature of our community' poetry project is organised by the Countryside Council for Wales and the National Eisteddfod with help from the Vale Council.

The primary schools taking part are Ysgol Iolo Morganwg in Cowbridge; Ysgol Gymraeg Pen-y-Garth in Penarth; Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Baruc, Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Curig and Ysgol Gymraeg Gwaun y Nant in Barry.

Over the coming weeks, renowned Welsh poet and broadcaster Caryl Parry Jones will be visiting the schools to help children shape their experiences at Porthkerry and Cosmeston into poems.

She said : "I'm really looking forward to the weeks ahead, helping the children interpret their thoughts and feelings about their local countryside and coast through poetry. It's a great way to build children's confidence."

Some of the children explored the coast at Porthkerry – some of their poems will be published on the website of the new Wales Coast Path as part of celebrating its opening.

According to Mel Stewart Countryside Ranger for Porthkerry Country Park: "In the Vale's Country Parks you get a real sense of peace, being surrounded by and immersed in nature – something that's so important to our health and wellbeing in today's busy world.

"At Porthkerry, the children concentrated on the coast, where they took a look at the beach by making pictures using materials they found there, including pebbles, seaweed and sticks.

"They used sweep nets to investigate what bugs live in the long grass near the beach. The children managed to catch grass hoppers, crickets, frog hoppers, soldier beetles and one brave child even caught a bumble bee!

"We hope the trip inspired the children by giving them first hand experience of nature on their doorstep."

When the Eisteddfod arrives in the Vale this August, the children will be among the first performers – giving readings of their poems in the Literature Tent (Sunday, August 5, 12.45pm).

After hearing the children read their work aloud, Eisteddfod-goers will hopefully be inspired to visit Porthkerry country parks and other fantastic nature sites in the as well.

Caravan appeal

DURING the National Eisteddfod, it is estimated that 150,000 people will visit the festival site.

Although we hope that many local people will attend, thousands will come from further afield and will be looking for accommodation in the area – in hotels, guest houses, bed and breakfast and also in private accommodation.

Every year, hundreds of caravanners will also set up home on the Eisteddfod's caravan site, which will be next to the Eisteddfod Festival site at Llandow on the outskirts of Cowbridge. Some will bring their own caravans while others will be looking for caravans to rent.

We have received numerous requests for caravans from people wishing to stay on the caravan site but do not have their own caravans to bring. Do you have a touring caravan you could rent to Eisteddfod visitors? Could you help the Eisteddfod in this way and make some money at the same time? If so, contact the Eisteddfod office 02920 763777, or e-mail *sioned@eisteddfod.org.uk*

Ticket offers

IF you are thinking of visiting the Eisteddfod, don't forget that we have early bird tickets offers that run until July 1. Check the website www.eisteddfod.org.uk or ring the ticket office 0845 40 90 400 for further details.

Harddwch Morgannwg yn ysbrydoli beirdd ifanc

MAE plant o chwe ysgol gynradd ym Morgannwg wedi bod wrthi'n archwilio'r bywyd gwyllt sydd ar garreg eu drws. Ar ôl dychwelyd i'r ystafell ddosbarth, yn ystod yr wythnosau nesaf bydd y disgyblion yn ail-greu eu profiadau trwy gyfrwng barddoniaeth – a byddant yn cael cyfle i gyflwyno'u cerddi yn Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Bro Morgannwg eleni.

Ymunodd mwy na 100 o ddisgyblion â pharcmyn cefn gwlad y Fro i archwilio rhyfeddodau naturiol ac amrywiol Parc Gwledig Porthceri a Pharc Gwledig Llynnoedd Cosmeston.

Caiff y prosiect barddoniaeth 'natur ein cymuned' ei drefnu gan y Cyngor Cefn Gwlad a'r Eisteddfod Genedlaethol, gyda chymorth Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol Bro Morgannwg. Dyma'r ysgolion cynradd sy'n cymryd rhan yn y prosiect: Ysgol Iolo Morgannwg yn Y Bontfaen; Ysgol Gymraeg Pen-y-Garth ym Mhenarth; Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Baruc, Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Curig ac Ysgol Gymraeg Gwaun y Nant yn Y Barri.

Yn ystod yr wythnosau nesaf bydd Caryl Parry Jones, darlledwr a bardd enwog, yn ymweld â'r ysgolion i helpu'r plant i droi'r profiadau a gawsant ym Mhorthceri a Cosmeston yn gerddi. Meddai: "Rydw i'n edrych ymlaen yn arw at yr wythnosau nesaf pan fydda' i'n helpu'r plant i ddehongli eu syniadau a'u teimladau ynglŷn â chefn gwlad ac arfordir eu hardal trwy gyfrwng barddoniaeth. Dyma ffordd wych o feithrin hyder y plant."

Bu rhai o'r plant yn archwilio arfordir Porthceri a bydd rhai o'u cerddi'n cael eu cyhoeddi ar wefan Llwybr Arfordir Cymru fel rhan o ddathliadau'r agoriad.

Yn ôl Mel Stewart, Parcmon Cefn Gwlad Parc Gwledig Porthceri: "Ym Mharciau Gwledig y Fro rydych yn cael ymdeimlad gwirioneddol o lonyddwch, o fod wedi'ch amgylchynu gan natur – rhywbeth sydd mor bwysig i'n hiechyd a'n lles yn y byd prysur sydd ohoni heddiw.

"Ym Mhorthceri canolbwyntiodd y plant ar yr arfordir trwy edrych yn ofalus ar y traeth a gwneud lluniau trwy ddefnyddio'r pethau a oedd ar gael ar y traeth, yn cynnwys cerrig crynion, gwymon a phriciau.

Hefyd mi wnaethon nhw ddefnyddio rhwydi i ddarganfod pa greaduriaid a oedd yn byw yn y glaswellt hir ger y traeth.

Llwyddodd y plant i ddal ceiliogod rhedyn, criciaid, llyslau sbonc a chwilod milwrol, a llwyddodd un plentyn dewr i ddal cacynen!

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Out and About with The GEM

Ladies fundraise

THE new Cowbridge Ladies fundraising group for British Heart Foundation Cymru is raising money for The Mending Broken Hearts Appeal and has its first meeting today (June 21) at Arboreal Restaurant, Eastgate, Cowbridge. *Contact Sharon Owen on 07718 638158 for further information.*

CAOS at the musicals

CAOS are going back to the golden age of the musicals, the 1950s for their latest concert.

A Midsummer's Night at the Musicals features songs from *Guys and Dolls, My Fair Lady* and many others, under the direction of their new musical director, Sara Ghazi-Torbati.

It takes place at the Llantonian Hall Llantwit Major tomorrow (June 22) and Rhoose Community Centre on Saturday, June 23 at 7.30pm. Tickets £5, are available on the door, or from Chris Williams Optometrists for the Llantwit Major concert; or The Spar in Rhoose for the Rhoose concert.

CAOS will also have a stall at the Llantwit Major Lions' fayre on June 23.

Choir's record bid for charity

ON Saturday, June 23 at 12 noon, Rock Choir members from all parts of the area – including Cowbridge, Bridgend, Pontyclun, Llantwit Major, Porthcawl, and Ogmore – will attempt a Guinness world record, as part of a national Rock Choir event.

The Community Rock Choir will perform a song and dance routine for a minimum of three minutes in the Cowbridge Old Hall gardens to support Breast Cancer Care Wales' Strawberry Fayre (from 10am-6pm).

Rock Choir rehearse in Cowbridge Comprehensive School each Tuesday at 8pm. Book your free taster session online and join a great evening of fun – learning pop, gospel and motown music.

There is no audition and no requirement to read music – see *www.rockchoir.com.*

Following the ITV documentary 'The Choir that Rocks,' Rock Choir has grown nationally all over the country and has brought people together in communities to enjoy a social music time together.

Local Rock Choir leader, musician Stephanie Bailey said: "It is great that Rock Choir is able to support charity work within the community, enjoying a great time singing and performing. We are delighted to be a part of a great day in Cowbridge."

Picnic at St Donat's

THIS Sunday, (June 24) the public can picnic in the grounds of St Donat's Castle – while resident choir, St Donat's Atlantic Chorale, entertain.

The choir host storyteller Michael Harvey and a Norwegian choir for a midsummer concert intriguingly entitled The Place Between.

Choir members come from all over the Vale, including Cowbridge, Llantwit Major, Penarth and Barry, even Cardiff and all the villages in between!

The concert is at 6.30pm, but gates open at 4.30pm for members of the public wishing to bring a picnic (indoor option if weather inclement).

Tickets are available from St Donats Arts Centre on 01446 799100 or via www.stdonats.com.

Porthkerry beach clean

FRIENDS of Barry Beaches will be holding a beach clean on Sunday, June 24 at Porthkerry beach (meet adjacent the Forrest Cafe at 3pm).

Last month's litter pick at Whitmore Bay, Barry Island saw volunteers working on the hottest day of the year helping to remove fishing line, plastic bottles, drinks cans, nylon rope, glass and polystyrene from the beach and headlands.

Valeways walks

ON Sunday, June 24 at 10m, the Welsh Walking Club meets at the Carne Arms, Llysworney, for a 'Essence of the Vale' walk.

On June 27 at 11am, 'Carfan Valley special', starting at the Six Bells, Penmark.

Also on June 27 at 1.45pm, the Coffee Shop Strollers meet at the Bridge Cafe, The Knap.

For further information, visit www.valeways.org.uk.

Confirmation service

ALL Saints Church in Victoria Square, Penarth welcomes the Right Revd. David Wilbourne, Assistant Bishop of Llandaff, to a special service on Sunday, June 24 at 10am.

He will confirm a number of adults and young people as full members of the church.

The worship will include items suitable for all ages, and refreshments will be served afterwards. All are welcome.

Greyhound walk

ANYONE who loves greyhounds and lurchers is invited to join the Great British Greyhound Walk at Cosmeston Lakes from 10am on Sunday June 24.

This is a national event which is aiming to get as many greyhounds/lurchers as possible on walks across the UK – to raise awareness of the plight of these dogs after their racing career ends.

All dogs are welcome, big or small (and their owners, of course!)

For further information, contact Nicky on 07790 954171.

Zumbathon for homeless

LLAMAU is holding a Zumbathon to raise awareness and donations for homeless people across south Wales on Sunday, June 24 at Colcot Community Centre.

BBC weatherman Derek Brockman will be in attendance, compering the event and showing off his moves.

Registration takes place from 3pm, and the Zumbathon will run from 3:30pm-5:30pm.

A raffle will also be held, with local businesses donating prizes.

Event organiser Sian Williams said: "We hope as many people as possible come along and join us. You don't have to be a fitness fanatic, or have any dance experience; you can be a complete beginner with no rhythm at all

"It's just about having fun and raising money for a fantastic cause."

For more information, visit: www.llamau.org.uk.

VALE SOLICITOR IN A HOTEL DRAMA!

AFTER almost 30 years in practice as a solicitor in the Vale of Glamorgan, it seems that Michael Morgan of Vale Solicitors in Llantwit Major has finally lost the plot.

As previously reported in The GEM, he has been seen verbally abusing guests in a Torquay hotel and striking a Spanish waiter with a spoon.

He has now been overheard cruelly referring to his wife as a dragon and as a nest of vipers, and also calling a dear old lady a deaf old bat...

The hotel concerned is, however, the infamous Fawlty Towers where Michael takes on the role of Basil Fawlty, playing opposite his real wife Clare as Sybil.

Apparently, this is how Michael and Clare behave at home anyway!

Between July 3-7, under the professional direction of Simon West, Mr Moose presents *Fawlty Towers* in the grounds of the National History Museum at St Fagans, as the opening production of The Everyman Open Air Theatre Festival – now in its 30th year.

"Come along and relive sheer comic joy that was, and is, *Fawlty Towers*. Come early, bring a picnic, " a spokesperson urges.

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Will Ferrell's Mexican comedy translates well

SCREEN TALK

by GARETH JAMIESON

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FANS of Will Ferrell haven't had much to cheer about lately.

Sure, there is the promise of a second outing for Ron Burgundy in the *Anchorman* sequel, but Ferrell has failed to light up the big screen, with the likes of *Everything Must Go* and *The Other Guys* only sporadically hitting the heights.

That could all change with *Casa De Mi Padre*, a Spanish-language comedy that sees Ferrell play Armando, who is forced to go up against Mexico's most feared drug lord (Gael Garcia Bernal) when his father's ranch is threatened by the return of his brother (Diego Luna); will Armando have the 'cojones' to stand up to him and avert disaster for the family...

Mexican soap operas have been a figure of fun in America for many years; the over (or even under) acting, wobbly sets and ludicrous plots poked fun at by the likes of *Friends*.

Will Ferrell was hardly the sort of person who would come along and try to point out the seriousness of them, and as a result *Casa De Mi Padre* is a film that follows the template wholly, the film feeling like a big screen incarnation knowingly played for laughs.

Whether it makes you laugh or not is dependant upon how much you like Ferrell as a comedic performer – and how much you buy into the film's sensibility.

If, like me, you rate Ferrell and give yourself over to the ludicrousness and heightened sensibility of it all, then there is plenty of fun to be had.

Ferrell is always at his best playing the innocent, and here he is that, the character of Armando – a simple man unaware of the dangers of the outside world, in particular the world of drugs – instead he is a happy rancher, hurled headlong into this dangerous world upon the return of his brother.

With a deadpan delivery, and it must be said a huge degree of credit to pull off a performance in a foreign language, Ferrell is good value for money, allowing the comedy of the genre to dominate, his performance helping the film along greatly.

Support from Diego Luna and Gael Garcia Bernal (not particularly known for their comedic turns) is solid, the pair cleverly mining laughter from the smallest things, and much like Ferrell, playing it straight for best effect.

Genesis Rodriguez as the token love interest shows a flair for laughter, hinting that she is more than just another attractive woman pushed to the forefront for looks rather than ability (sorry, Megan Fox).

Andrew Steele's script is a low-key delight, pinging in several directions but maintaining the humour throughout, with several psychedelic sequences (in particular a talking white leopard) coming from leftfield and, while not wholly faithful to the genre, causing the biggest laughs.

In the director's chair, first–timer Matt Piedmont (a veteran of Ferrell and McKay's Funny Or Die website) makes a good stab, using the hallmarks of Mexican soaps to good comedic effect.

Whether it's the wonderful use of fake horses or painted backdrops, and even the Bond-esque opening credits (with theme song sung by Christina Aguilera), Piedmont shows plenty of potential with a strong comedic sensibility.

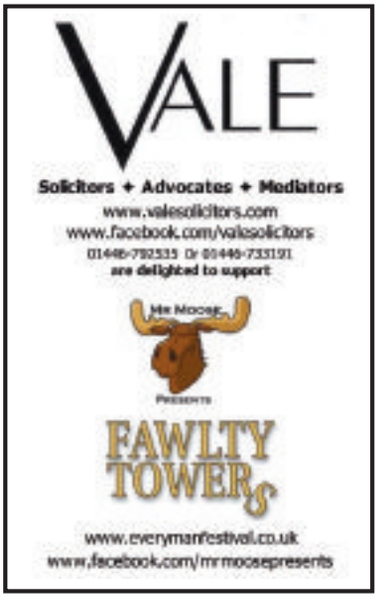
Certainly the film is somewhat throwaway, and even for Ferrell is probably more of a stop-gap than standout effort, but as a curio it is most definitely worth checking out.

It is probably a lot better than you would expect it to be; *Casa De Mi Padre* is unlikely to end up being your favourite Will Ferrell film but will be probably the most intriguing!

VERDICT: A curious and interesting detour for Will Ferrell, *Casa De Mi Padre* is humorous deconstruction of Mexican soap opera without relying to heavily on spoof.

Good performances, script and direction make this an above-average film that, comedic sensibility-dependent, will most certainly amuse. *Enjoyable*.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Anchorman* (2004), *Airplane!* (1980)



Money raised for charity

A chaity fundraising evening at Cottrell Park Golf Resort on June 13 was organised by Anthony and Gareth Perkins in the new marquee for 350 guests.

Photograph by Heather March

Entertainment was provided by Aubrey, Hannah Tompson and harpist Bethan Myfanwy Hughes. An auction was held with prizes donated from businesses.

The organisers were "thrilled" with the amount raised, £10,000, which was presented to a representative from Penarth's Marie Curie hospice.

The donation was from the Perkins family, in memory of their mother Barbara Perkins.

The event has been rebooked for Saturday, July 6 at Cottrell Park. Contact the club on 01446 781781.

Ty Hafan winners

THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan Crackerjackpot lottery draw number D727.

- **£2,000:** 841882.
- **The rollover, which now stands at £1,000, was not won this week.**
- **£10:** 5 8 2 0 4 7 , 666905, 817007, 847690, 619827, 520577, 799617, 149299, 274203, 177469, 695572, 367167, 979432, 848308, 375749, 619964, 157476, 786686, 278717, 117309.
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For lottery information please call telephone 02920 672062.

Western Welsh book a delight

COLIN Scott's book *Red, cream and a touch of Gray – The Western Welsh Story* (published by Bryngold Books at £30) is an absolute delight and it a must for all those transport fans and, indeed, anyone who has ever travelled in a Western Welsh bus.

Compiling this beautifully illustrated book was clearly a labour of love for the author who grew up in Bridgend, and as Roy Noble says in his foreword: "The work is a masterly record of a large public transport company, but I especially loved the human touches within the vast framework."

On Good Friday, April 1, 1920, the inauguaral service began between Cardiff and Penarth and in December that same year a second route from Cardiff to Cowbridge began, and this success was to steadily grow for the remainder of the decade.

If you want to take a nostalgic ride down memory's lane to the 1950s, when Cowbridge, Bridgend, Porthcawl, Barry Penarth,Wenvoe, Llantwit Major, St Athan and other places in the Vale were on the company's bus routes and when few people had their own cars to take them to sea side resorts such as Barry Island and Porthcawl, then this is the book for you.

BRIAN LEE

PENARTH COMPUTER CLUB NEWS ROUND-UP

No silly questions on topic of computing...

WHAT causes a lot of grief in our lives? Forgetting how to do something we have learnt.

We forget because we haven't done enough to commit the solution firmly into our mind.

This often arises because we have cracked the problem for now and it is a long time before it recurs and we can't remember how we did it last time. (And no, we didn't write it down. Or if we did, we've lost the piece of paper!)

This point popped up several times during a recent meeting to review the club's year with a view to improving future programmes. The consensus was that it helps to go over things from time to time to refresh our memories.

This fits well with the club's aim of helping newcomers to computers.

Explaining the basics to new members serves as a refresher for everybody else.

This takes us from September to Christmas, and we use the period to July to build upon the basics with talks of general interest to everybody; using an occasional guest speaker.

Question and answer evenings had been introduced to provide more opportunity to deal with matters of immediate concern to members. These were popular and it was decided that we should have more.

It was noted that some members felt inhibited about asking questions in case they were thought to be too simplistic. The reply to that was that simplicity is a relative quality: ask the question anyway. There are no silly questions.

For that matter, several members were happy just to listen in on the discussions because they found the process informative and interesting. They also realise that it can take a while to get into the swim of things and this is a light-hearted and friendly way of doing so.

We reminded ourselves that in this context an experienced user can feel a beginner in a different area of computing.

This applied to the use of eBay and shopping on-line generally. The excellent evening on the topic will be expanded and repeated by request. Other candidates for increased interest were digital photography (how to improve the results) and slide shows (how better to present them, or anything else, in a more interesting way).

There is new software available for handling digital pictures and we thought we would start by looking at Picasa, the free software from Google, and move on from there as necessary.

On-line banking was another topic of interest. There are options for using spreadsheets or for proprietary software to take the effort out of the sums at home and on-line facilities that mean not needing to visit the branch as often.

And we shall keep abreast of the IT developments generally and have speakers to give insights into topics of general interest.

The next meeting is on Tuesday, June 26 at All Saints Lesser Hall, Victoria Square, Penarth. 7.30pm for 8pm. Chips and Chat and a fun quiz by Mike J.

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SIMPLY AWESOME – 'WAR WEEKEND' CROWDS TRANSPORTED BACK TO 1940s

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THERE has been universal praise for the wartime weekend held in Barry over the weekend, July 16-17, but what were the reflections of someone who took part in the events?

One of the participants, Glenn Booker told The GEM:

"It was, as our American friends might say, awsome.

"From the feedback we received from visitors to the event I do not think that I'm exaggerating.

"It was a great privilege to be at the initial ceremony on King Square on Friday morning when a plaque was dedicated in memory the American servicemen who first arrived in Barry and district seventy years ago.

"Later that afternoon there was the arrival of the GMC truck convoy in Holton Road – most impressive; and of course the arrival of the Spitfire, the jeeps and other vehicles displays at the Hood Road encampment.

"On the Saturday and Sunday at Barry Island Station there were war gamers, military uniform collectors and sellers; and the Western Front Association was ready to help people with inquiries about their relatives.

"A hoard of display boards filled the station rooms with a cornucopia of photos and facts about the war years and particularly the American presence.

"Re-enactors 'arrested' a downed Luftwaffe pilot.

"The musical performers were superb, including 'George Formby' who entertained us for hours.

"The teenage interviewers from St Cyres School had the privilege of putting questions to those with memories of 'the old days'.

"If you like to see something similar next year please let the organizers know through the pages of the GEM.

"Thanks also to the GEM for all its publicity in the months leading up to the weekend."

‘Llanfest’ event keeps calm and carries on – despite getting the worst of the weather!

SUMMER events are always at the mercy of the weather – and this was clearly illustrated last weekend.

Sunday was perfect and Saturday? – Well, it was less than perfect.

The ‘Llanfest’ event, near Llangan, which has grown steadily in recent years, drew the short straw as far as the weather was concerned, but there were plenty of determined souls who made sure it went ahead.

There was live music and one group who were not going to be beaten by the rain was the Sealed Knot, whose members put on an authentic historical battle!

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‘For a moment there, I thought I was in trouble!’

Her Majesty was there with a royal corgi!

'The Queen' meets two of her loyal subjects.

FRIENDS and neighbours in Hillside Drive, Cowbridge, celebrated the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and were relieved that they escaped the worst of the weather.

A spokeswoman said: "'Her Majesty' attended (along with one of her corgis) and a number of local residents were 'knighted' during the afternoon.

"We wished her good health with a champagne toast.

She added: "A great deal of effort went into producing some royal knitted items to mark the occasion!"

A knitted royal visitor – complete with corgi!

ABOVE: There was plenty of party food for the young ones.

Penmark residents get their just desserts at celebration!

THE weather 'cleared up nicely' so residents could toast the Queen at Penmark's Jubilee Party on June 5.

About 200 people attended the party in the car park of the Six Bells.

Local resident Gavin Davies reported: "We started at noon and were eating our beef burgers, hot dogs or Coronation chicken by about half-past. After that, the home-made desserts attracted a lot of attention.

"Children's games had been on the agenda but we had to cancel them because of the weather. We also had to cancel the gentlemen's tug-of-war (some of us were quite glad) but everyone seemed to enjoy meeting friends old and new.

"We revived a gentlemen's sponge cake baking contest, an old Penmark tradition, and added ladies' and children's classes.

"There were lots of entries, with Phil Gammon winning the gentlemen's class on his birthday, Carol Guy winning the ladies' section and Molly Leonard, Phil's grand-daughter, the children's class.

"The ringers rang a short peal in honour of the Queen and afterwards joined in the Loyal Toast – and the eating of the entries in the baking contest – they were all voted to be excellent cakes.

"The children were all presented with their commemorative mugs and the party ended about 4.30 pm (although some of us did stay on in the Six Bells for a little while afterwards).

"Grateful thanks to Cynthia John and Norah Davies who organised the event, James Barnsley and Mark Tuck for allowing us to use the pub's car park and helping on the barbecue, Nick Crane for sponsoring the mugs, Dave Mitchell for transport and sponsoring soft drinks for the children, the Vale Rural Events Network for their free gazebos (very useful in view of the weather) and lots and lots of other people who helped set things up, made puddings and so on and so on. They really made it a party to remember.

"When we had the Silver Jubilee fête, it rained the whole time, so the weather is improving and by the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, it should be perfect!"

ABOVE: Some of the cooks in the 'bake-off' contest.

ABOVE: Penmark's commemorative mugs.

Stars support Marie Curie

THE stars of Downton Abbey took a break from filming series three of the hit show, to launch Marie Curie Cancer Care's 'Blooming Great Tea Party'.

Jim Carter, who plays butler Charles Carson said: "What could be more Downton Abbey than a good British tea party? We rather enjoyed having a break from serving the Earl and Countess of Grantham! We're encouraging everyone to do the same, and pop the kettle on and have their own Blooming Great Tea Party for Marie Curie Cancer Care this summer."

Marie Curie Cancer Care is asking people to hold a Blooming Great Tea Party this June and July to help raise funds for the charity. It can be as simple as a cuppa with colleagues, a vintage inspired tea party or even a larger party to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee.

The money raised will help Marie Curie nurses to provide more free care to people with terminal cancer and other terminal illnesses in their own homes.

Call 08700 340 040 or visit www.mariecurie.org.uk/teaparty for more information and a free Blooming Great Tea Party fundraising pack.

To get help from the Marie Curie Nursing Service, talk to your GP, district nurse or discharge nurse. For more information, www.mariecurie.org.uk.

College students score in SkillAuto competition

STUDENTS at Cardiff and Vale College won all three SkillAuto Wales regional heats at the college's automotive academy: 18 year-old Matthew Bailey, Daniel Coles (22) and Rhys Morris (23) won the body repair, paint refinishing and light vehicle repair competitions respectively.

SkillAuto is the automotive industry's arm of WorldSkills UK, which champions skills and learning for work through competitions and awards.

Competitors from across Wales performed practical tasks in their disciplines.

The highest scoring technicians will compete in the SkillAuto UK final at the NEC in Birmingham in November to be considered for the squad representing the UK at the WorldSkills 2013 competition in Leipzig, Germany.

Eight students of the automotive academy competed in the three SkillAuto competitions, beating 1,200 entrants to take part.

They were Matthew Bailey, Jordan Thomas, Matthew Jones, Lewis Reader, Daniel Coles, Brett Davies, Christan Sanders and Rhys Morris.

In the body repair heat, Cardiff and Vale College took the top three places, continuing the success throughout the week with first, third and fourth positions in the paint refinishing competition and placing first in the light vehicle repair discipline.

Read all the latest sport from the area in GEM Sports Extra - just log onto our website!

WHAT'S ON / *in brief*

Whist drive

THE Llancarfan Society will hold a whist drive in Llancarfan Community Hall on June 26 at 7.30pm. Admission £1.50. Prizes, raffle and refreshments.

Breast cancer self-help

LIFT (Life Is For Today) a self-help group for those affected by breast cancer, meet regularly to offer support and friendship for people living in the Vale.

On alternate Wednesdays, relaxation therapies such as Reiki, reflexology and Indian head massage, will be offered from 10am to 1pm.

On other Wednesdays in the month, there will be visits out of speakers, usually take place from 2pm to 4pm.

The next LIFT group meeting will be in Cowbridge on June 27, 10am-1pm; on July 11 they visit Dewstow garden Centre.

Contact Anne on 01446 772843 or Jan (01446 774575) for further information.

Art outdoors

ON Thursday, June 28, Cowbridge Art Society welcomes Swansea artist Mary Hayman, who will lead a pen and watercolour practical session outdoors.

If bad weather prevents this, it will be held indoors.

The society meets at the Old Hall, High Street, Cowbridge on Thursday evenings (7pm-9pm) and visitors are welcome.

For further details, see www.thecowbridgeartsociety.com.

Club barbecue

ON June 30, Barry Rugby Club are holding a barbecue evening, followed by entertainment provided by Squeak Weekly 5pm, tickets £10 from committee members or from Carole at the clubhouse.

July 6, is the club presentation evening; tickets available at the clubhouse.

Dyspraxia support

VALE Dyspraxia support group will be held on Monday, July 2 at 7.30pm in the Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry, when Keith Towler, Children's Commissioner for Wales, will address the meeting and is keen to talk to young people in the group about the issues they face.

All parents and carers of children and young people with dyspraxia and associated conditions should come along, with their children, to this important meeting.

The group supports children and young people with dyspraxia (and related conditions such as dyslexia, ADHD, Asperger's Syndrome, OCD, Tourettes) and their parents and carers by providing advice and information, as well as an opportunity to exchange experiences.

It operates a 24-hour help and advice line on 01446 738945; website www.vdsg.org.uk; and also runs social activities and a laptop loan programme.

Roller skating club awards

THE Glamorgan Artistic Roller Skating Club holds its first club competition at Llantwit Leisure Centre, on July 7 from 12.30pm-5pm. Entrance £2.

Hilary at St Hilary

THE next meeting at St Hilary with Hilary O'Callaghan, community police support officer, to discuss policing matters in the village will be held at 11.30am on Thursday, July 26 at The Bush. Hilary's contact number is 07805 301416 or you can email her at <mailto:Hilary.O'Callaghan@southwales.pnn.police.uk>

Show classes

THE annual Dinas Powys Village Show will take place on Saturday, September 1. ***For full details of classes, contact Val Hartrey at valhartrey@talktalk.net or telephone 02920 513274.***

TOP WELSH KARTING TALENT FLOCKS TO LLANDOW FOR CHAMPIONSHIP TEST

WALES' most prestigious club motorsport event, the Welsh Karting Championships, were graced not only by 106 entrants, but also by the return of dry and sunny weather to the Llandow circuit.

With a slew of qualifying and heats to get through, the kinder conditions were essential to ensuring the smooth running of the meeting.

Nine classes were to be catered for, and, despite the odd unforeseen incident, things proceeded smoothly throughout.

Although not a part of the Welsh Championships, the ever-popular Bambino class got things underway, with Jenson Parton the latest name to be added to those taking their first laps at the Llandow club.

While his time will come, the rest of the experienced field – Jakob Chamberlain, Shayne Clarke, Brooklyn Thomas, Olli Thomas, Jack Broughton and Matthew Rees – all achieved the gold standard as they continued to rise to the targets laid before them.

With solid numbers in both of the Cadet categories, it was decided to give each its own race.

That allowed Celtic champion Lewis Griffiths to stamp his authority on the Comer section, topping both qualifying sessions and winning all four races.

The finishing order at the front of the field was the same on every sheet, but that belied the battling that went on between Griffiths, Tom Rawlings and Harry Andrews, while Kieran Clarke and Joe Taylor rounded out the top five.

Only Andrews' subsequent exclusion from the final managed to break the pattern, promoting Clarke to the final step of the podium.

The Honda side of the Cadet entry provided nearly a fifth of the total runners, with no fewer than 20 karts taking to the track, but one name kept appearing at the top of the order as Hugo Holmes emerged as the one to beat.

Ryan Luscombe and Ethan Ling did their best to keep Holmes honest, claiming second and third in all but one session – when Alex Rees grabbed third in heat two – and the final proved to be one of the closest-fought races of the day as Holmes succeeded by 0.08 seconds over Luscombe.

Honda Junior may have had fewer runners, but that did not detract from the effort on track, particularly as season-long pacesetter Ben Stevens found his rivals intent on making their own mark.

Tom Ford claimed the opening heat and placed second qualifying before Stevens finally came to the fore, claiming the second heat, pre-final and final to restore some order.

Ford and Thomas Croydon were duly rewarded for their efforts by completing the podium as the all-novice field swelled to a season-high six.

Junior TKM again looked healthy, with a number of cadet graduates continuing to boost numbers, and also saw a new name attempting to break the Ross Chell–Scott Morris duopoly at the front.

Keiron Ford topped opening qualifying, but had to give best to Morris in heat one, then proved himself fastest again in the second timed session.

Again, the race win eluded him, however, as Chell came to the fore, and the two regular frontrunners then took over at the front of the finals, with Morris claiming both, along with the 'C' plate.

The battle at the front was intense, however, with the top five covered by a second at the flag, but it was Yousuf Ashraf completing the podium ahead of Ford and Alex Thomas.

Minimax numbers almost reached double figures as some familiar names returned to contest the Welsh title, and the honours appeared to be going Harry Williams' way for most of the event.

Fastest in both qualifying sessions, Williams also won both heats and the pre-final, but slipped behind Morgan Rose at the start of the final and was unable to wrest back the lead. Lewis Malin completed the podium ahead of Shenington club-mate Edward Tansley.

An old face returned to the Junior Max class too, but Tom Harvey did not have things all his own way on his former stomping ground, as the majority of the field proved closely matched.

Although Harvey proved the man to beat in both qualifying sessions, James Johnson and Sam Morgan both beat him to the flag in heat one, before the order was reversed second time around.

Johnson then claimed the pre-final to secure pole for the final, only for Harvey to seize the lead on the opening lap after two false starts.

Despite stretching out a comfortable lead, however, the favourite was not to go the distance, leaving Johnson to fend off the visiting Ben Hingeley for the remaining seven laps.

Steven Hanford, another LKC regular now performing on the national stage, took the remaining podium spot ahead of Leon Hilleard.

Although Simon Evans started the weekend as favourite for Senior Honda honours, the form of both Nick Turley and Gareth Lewis in recent months suggested that he may at least be made to fight for what would be his third Welsh crown.

Turley threw down the gauntlet in opening qualifying but, thereafter, it was Evans at the top of the timesheets, even if the margins were slight.

Lewis was seldom a threat, and only returned to the top three in the main event, where Evans saved his best for last – setting a string of lap records as he posted his biggest win of the weekend.

Turley claimed second, while veteran Paul Saunders and Danny Griffiths took fourth and fifth respectively on the other side of Lewis.

Llandow's blue riband class, Senior Max, returned to something approaching its largest field, with 20 runners spread across the regular and 177 classes.

Although Josh Gray paced opening qualifying, the rest of the weekend saw Josh Collings and Liam Revell swapping top spot in the order, taking a heat apiece before Phil Moreton split them to take second in the pre-final.

The main event was unfortunately interrupted by a nasty accident that left 177 novice Ian Hawksworth requiring the attention of the medics, and the restarted race proved equally dramatic as Collings seized with David Entwhistle – promoted by Moreton's demise – right on his tail.

Their exit allowed Revell back into top spot, holding a three-second lead over Sebastian Hutchinson to the flag.

Dilip Singh completed an unexpected podium, with Dan Rodde and Gareth Evans rounding out the top five.

Nigel Hughes paced the 177 class throughout the weekend, eventually winning the final by a couple of seconds over category stalwart Wayne Stone, with Simon Wheeler third.

RESULTS:

BAMBINO – Gold Award:
Jack Broughton (Birel)
Jakob Chamberlain (Birel)
Shayne Clarke (Topkart)
Matthew Rees (Zip)
Brooklyn Thomas (Birel)
Olly Thomas (Birel)

CADET COMER:
1. Lewis Griffiths (Zip)
2. Tom Rawlings (Zip)
3. Kieran Clarke (Zip)

CADET HONDA:
1. Hugo Holmes (Zip)
2. Ryan Luscombe (Project One)
3. Ethan Ling (Project One)

JUNIOR HONDA:
1. Ben Stevens (7Kart)
2. Tom Ford (Biz)
3. Thomas Croydon (Jade)

JUNIOR TKM:
1. Scott Morris
2. Ross Chell (Jade)
3. Yousuf Ashraf (Jade)

MINI MAX:
1. Morgan Rose (Tonykart)
2. Harry Williams (Tonykart)
3. Lewis Malin (Tonykart)

JUNIOR ROTAX:
1. James Johnson (Tonykart)
2. Ben Hingeley (Tonykart)
3. Steven Hanford (Tonykart)

SENIOR HONDA:
1. Simon Evans (7Kart)
2. Nick Turley (Wright)
3. Gareth Lewis (7Kart)

SENIOR ROTAX:
1. Liam Revell (Tonykart)
2. Sebastian Hutchinson (Tonykart)
3. Dilip Singh (CRG)

ROTAX 177:
1. Nigel Hughes
2. Wayne Stone (Tonykart)
3. Simon Wheeler (CRG)

Best Novice: ***Andrew Wong (Minimax)***

Driver of the Day: ***Phil Moreton (Senior Max)***

Kath Denscombe Memorial Award: ***Ethan Ling (Honda Cadet)***

THR Graphics Best Presented Kart: ***Louis Griffiths-Walker (Junior TKM)***

Report by Craig Llewellyn

***Welsh champions show off their 'C' plates after the May meeting at Llandow Kart Club. Photo**: Steve Everett (c/o Hardy Rodde)*

Hockey festival helps Vale pupils try out a new sport

ABOVE: The hockey team from St Helen's Primary School.

The Sully Primary School team.

A TWO-WEEK hockey festival for primary schools in the Vale has helped to show local youngsters the fun they can have with different sports from a young age, thanks to the Dragon Sport scheme.

The hockey festival saw boys and girls from six Vale primary schools - Palmerston, Romilly, St Helens, Sully, Gwenfo and St Baruc – taking to the Astroturf at the Colcot Sports Centre in Barry for some seven-a-side matches.

The emphasis of the festival was on participation and enjoyment, and organiser Pete Hardwick, who is the Vale Council's Dragon Sport assistant, said: "Dragon Sport is all about encouraging greater numbers of children to take part in extra-curricular sport, and it was great to see so many children playing with such enthusiasm."

A Sport Wales initiative run locally by the Vale Council's sports and play development team, Dragon Sport gives seven-11 year-olds sporting opportunities in eight key sports - athletics, rugby, netball, golf, football, tennis, cricket and hockey.

To find out more, visit: www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/dragonsports.

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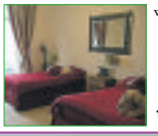
Former school house completely renovated & extended to a high specification throughout • 1st floor apartment with sea views • set in exclusive gated community with secure video entry • contemporary state of the art kitchen with integrated appliances • 3 double bedrooms • ensuite & balcony to master bedroom • 2 allocated parking bays • walking distance to country parks & beaches • easy access to Cardiff via train and bus links • close to all amenities



St Barucs House, Barry - £295,000
Former school house completely renovated & extended to a high specification throughout • ground floor apartment • set in exclusive gated community with secure video entry • 3 double bedrooms with ensuite to master bedroom • generous kitchen/family area • solid oak kitchen with integrated appliances • pergola/patio area • 2 allocated parking bays • in walking distance to country parks and beaches • easy access to Cardiff via train & bus links

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Extended 3 bedroom semi detached property • family room • lounge/dining room • conservatory • downstairs wc, family bathroom & ensuite to master bedroom • driveway & double garage to rear • walking distance of playing fields & local supermarket

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- any two children regardless of sex aged under 10; or
- any other child.

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Examples

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The assessment of room need would be **one bedroom**, so a 14% deduction from their Housing Benefit would apply.

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VALE CRICKET CLUB ROUND-UP

First team grab win over Ebbw Vale

AFTER enduring a very difficult start to the season, Vale earned their first victory with a fine away performance against Ebbw Vale at Eugine Cross Park.

Bowling first, and on a typically good batting wicket, Vale seemed to be restricting Ebbw to a meagre total with the score at 70-3 off 25 overs, thanks largely to a superbly tight opening spell of 1-13 off his 10 overs by Darren Upham.

That was until Rob Blake came to the wicket, who took full advantage of the extremely short square boundary and smashed his way to a brilliant 125.

That helped Ebbw to a very competitive 235-6 from their allotted 50 overs.

Vale skipper Matthew Williams finished with 2-34 and Tom Williams 2-49 from their respective 10-over allocations.

Vale's reply got off to a disastrous start, losing their in-form top three batsmen and collapsing to 24-3, with the result seemingly heading the same way as the others so far this season.

That was until Huw Morris and Tom Williams stepped to the crease, who between them showed poise and class in methodically rebuilding the innings and wearing down the rampant Ebbw attack.

Some fine stroke-play and outstanding running between the wickets saw both batsmen comfortably pass their half centuries and continue to keep up with the required run rate.

By the time Williams was run out for a brilliant 83, the pair had added 163 and put Vale firmly in the driving seat at 187-4 with nine overs remaining.

There was still work to do though, and Morris was joined by JP Davies as the pair continued to calmly knock off the required runs with relative ease.

Morris was eventually run out for 89 with just two required from five balls, and it was left for the solid Davies to hit the winning runs with four balls to spare, finishing with a fine 21 not out and giving Vale a crucial win that will hopefully give their season a much needed kick-start.

On a more sombre note, Vale players have sported black armbands on two occasions so far this season as a mark of respect to Jeff Davies and Brian Long, founder members of Ewenny and Corntown cricket club, who recently passed away. The thoughts of all Vale CC members and players go out to the families.

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Seconds are back to winning ways

DUE to the heavy rain leading up to the match there was a delayed start to this Division 2 game.

The respective captains agreed to play a 40-over match after the game started an hour later than the scheduled start time.

Vale skipper Mark Francis won the toss and asked Ponthir to make first use of the wicket. Father and son combination Chris and Ollie Pike opened the Vale attack and made run scoring difficult on the damp track.

It was Pike senior who struck first, gaining an lbw decision in the fifth over. But Ponthir did not lose a further wicket to the family combination, and after both had finished their opening spells Ponthir were 25-1 after 10 overs.

The skipper then turned to an all-spin attack in the shape of Martin Scott and John Humphreys. Scott was the next to strike, gaining an lbw decision in the 15th over.

Spin continued as Billy Yates replaced Humphreys, with the skipper wanting a change of ends for the veteran campaigner, and Yates secured the third wicket with yet another lbw decision in his first over.

However, Huw Thomas, the Ponthir skipper, was proving hard to dislodge, and led by example as he passed the half century mark.

Humphreys then rolled back the years, diving to his left to take a return catch to secure another wicket and leave Ponthir 97-4 after 29 overs.

Thomas finally succumbed to his opposite number as Scott held a well-taken catch at mid wicket off Francis for an excellent 76, a knock that had held the Ponthir innings together.

Ollie Pike returned at the Bridgend end and bowled an impressive second spell of 4-0-7-3, this time bowling spin, with all three victims clean bowled. Ponthir closed their innings on 147-8 after 40 overs.

The Vale bowling figures were Chris Pike 5-1-9-1, Ollie Pike 9-3-22-3, Martin Scott 8-2-25-1, John Humphreys 7-0-27-1, Billy Yates 4-0-16-1, M John 3-0-19-0 and Mark Francis 4-0-23-1.

Vale's reply started badly as two wickets fell within the first six overs. First, club chairman Iwan Davies spooned a catch to square leg and then Jamie Rees, returning to the club after a number of years away, was well caught low down at gully, cutting outside his off stump.

Scott and Francis then put on 31 before Francis received an unplayable 'grasscutter' and was bowled for a well-made 22.

This brought Ollie Pike to the wicket to join Scott, and these two put on 70 for the fourth wicket. Ollie played with real confidence belying his young age, and having a happy knack of finding holes in the field with his aerial shots.

Scott, on the other hand, was playing one of his more restrained innings, but important nonetheless.

This partnership was broken when Scott was adjudged lbw just short of his fifty – departing for 47.

This brought dad Chris to join Ollie at the crease and having started the game together bowling, these two finished the game batting as they put a 44-run partnership together to win the game for Vale in the 38th over.

Ollie produced an excellent innings of 42 not out, and dad Chris chipped in with 23 not out. For Ponthir, K Baldwin produced excellent bowling figures of 9-4-16-1.

The skipper said: "It's been a hard few weeks so it was good to get a win today.

"Ollie had an excellent game and Scott and Chris both did well, but I was also pleased with the way some of the youth players stepped up into senior cricket, particularly Matthew Harper behind the stumps, who I thought did very well in his first game for the seconds."

MF

BOWLERS STOPPED BY THE WEATHER!

Schools coaching has begun.

COWBRIDGE lady bowlers played one and a half games this week.

On Tuesday they went to Pengelli for a CCS match and had a good win by 41 shots to 38, with two good wins on two rinks, and only one losing rink, on captain Pat Holdsworth's, by 11-18.

The winning rinks were skip Shirley Wilkinson's with Lynda Wilson, Sylvia Hole and Sue Flower by 16-10, and also on Kay Edwards' with Dorothy Pritchard, Jan Lewis and Pat Davey, by 14-10.

The half a game was stopped after eight ends because of heavy rain.

With it being a league match, at home to Cadoxton, the rest of the match will be played at a later date.

Pat Davey's rink is well up by 17-1; Joan Bradley's rink is winning 11-7 and Sue Flowers' rink is also winning 15-16, so they will take a 43-14 lead into the second half of the match.

The men played their Munro Cup match, on Wednesday night, at home to Cadoxton, and had a good win (104-48), winning on all four rinks.

On Peter Launder's rink they won well 30-9; also with Peter were, Mansel Davey, Guy Norton and Alan Wallace.

On the rink of Clive Pritchard, Rob Lewis, Mick Davey and skip John Trott, they won 28-13.

The rink of Byron Richards with Terry Dunsworth, Norman Wilkinson and Len Taylor won 26-12, and in the only close game, Dennis Snelling's rink won 20-14, with help from two of our newer bowlers Gerwyn Watkins and Gerry Lloyd, and also Colin Wilson.

The men played their second league match, at home to Taffs Well, in constant rain, but had a good win by 95 shots to 72, with only one losing ring on David Jones by 17-25.

The rink of Gerwyn Watkins, Clive Pritchard, John Trott and skip Byron Richards, had a narrow win of 22-20; also the rink of Norman Wilkinson, Ron Woolford, Brian Kent and skip Roger Barwick only won 24-19.

It took the rink of captain Dennis Snelling's to win the match with a big win of 32-8.

Other members of Dennis' rink were Mansel Davey, Colin Wilson and John Jones, so we gained our first points of 12 in the league.

We began the schools coaching this week, with Llangan Primary School, year 6. This is just an introduction to bowling, which we hope plants a seed for later in life when they may take up the game of bowls.

NJW

A case of 'dew stops play' for the 41 Club

THE 41 Club met for June at Llantwit's lawn bowls club.

Two teams ('Heads' and 'Tails') were formed and battle commenced.

Although it never rains in Llantwit, the heaviness and persistence of the early evening dew brought a premature end to proceedings with 'Tails' (or was it 'Heads') in the lead and declared the winner.

The combatants adjourned to the nearby rugby club and sank a jar while watching Sweden take on the host nation Ukraine at the Euro 2012 championships on TV.

Cowbridge Comp celebrates PE success award!

Headteacher Mrs Debra Thomas presents the PE department with the ActiveMarc Cymru award for their work in developing sport in and outside of classes.

SCHOOLS across Wales have been awarded a gold star for their outstanding standards in Physical Education, and Cowbridge Comprehensive School has finished top of the class after their work in PE received a glowing report.

Headteacher, Mrs Debra Thomas, said: "We are very proud to achieve ActiveMarc Cymru as recognition of the outstanding commitment that Cowbridge Comprehensive School has to the fitness, health and wellbeing of the whole school community.

"The award is a great tribute to the staff of the PE department, who work tirelessly with key partners to offer a vast array of high quality activities at the School and beyond."

Sport Wales and the Association for Physical Education (afPE) is recognising those schools who are putting PE to the top of their agenda.

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Chair of Sport Wales, Professor Laura McAllister, said: "We believe that schools play an essential role in building a Wales in which children are hooked on sport for life.

"It is important that young people have positive early experiences of sport and physical activity that build a foundation for lifelong involvement in sport. This award recognises those schools that are giving our children an excellent start."

Athletics

A STRONG girls' team competed in the year-10 and 11 athletics championships at Leckwith.

The majority of competitors were year-10 due to the exam pressures for year-11.

There were some great performers and overall the Cowbridge team finished first.

Individual results include: 100m – Izzy Eddy Williams, seventh, 14.75 seconds; 200m – Izzy Eddy Williams, second, 29.12 seconds; 300m – Natasha Johnson, fourth, 51.27 seconds; 800m – Jordan Carpenter, sixth, two minutes, 49 seconds, Megan Langton Cryer, 11th, three minutes, two seconds; 1500m – Bethan White, ninth, six minutes, 38 seconds; 3000m – Jess Jaques, first, 11 minutes, 42 seconds.

LJ

Tennis

The under-13 girls and boys took part in the Vale Tennis tournament at Penarth recently.

The girls played St Cyres, and although they tried hard, they lost 6-0. The boys played Bro Morgannwg first and drew three sets all, and then unfortunately lost to Stanwell 6-0. Well done to all players involved.

Girls: Cerys Bradshaw, Jemma Viney, Sophia Harpin, Natalie Smith, Libby Jarvis, Annie Lloyd; Boys: Cai Evans, Iwan Goodwin, Owen Tuckwell, Jack Parry, Sean Davies.

CKW

Ladies enjoy their Munro Cup victory

ON Wednesday Llantwit Major lady bowlers faced Belle Vue (Penarth) in a Munro Cup match, proving too strong for the visitors, winning on three rinks by 80-55 shots.

Graham Jones' rink were four down after five ends, coming back on the sixth end to draw level, with Llantwit now finding the correct length and line they went ahead to finish with a flourish with a win by nine shots

Steve Booker's rink started slowly being behind until taking a five shot lead after eleven ends; they then came to a complete halt for six ends before re-establishing themselves to win the final two ends and the match by one shot.

Charles Hiscock's rink had a six shot lead after eleven ends, then conceded eight shots over the next two ends to go behind, then fought back on the final two ends to lose by just one shot.

Neville Young's rink started briskly winning the first eight ends to take a thirteen shot lead,with Richard George, Mike Adams and Richie Gray all putting in some good bowls; a score of seven shots on the seventeenth end put the icing on the cake for a sixteen shot win.

Rink scores: Graham Jones 23-14; Steve Booker 16-15; Charles Hiscock 15-16; Neville Young 26-10.

Saturday's league fixture against Ynysybwl was cancelled due to heavy rain throughout the morning.

JY

Away days for bowlers

LLANTWIT ladies had two away matches last week.

On Tuesday we travelled to Pencoed B.C. for a Cowbridge Challenge Shield, where we won on two rinks and lost on the other and only gained 4 points out of the 10 available.

The rinks were Edna Hardie, Helen Tilley, Carol Willmot and Pat Cook 16 - 12; Liz Crouch,Vera Wickenden, Etta Gray and Eryl Nicholls 8 - 30; Kay Johnes, Lyn Oatley, Margaret Morgan and Peggy Pike 17 - 12.

On Thursday we travelled to Millwood B.C. in Barry and played a league match in the rain; again we only took 4 points of the 10 available. The rinks were Kay Johnes, Jean Voss, Peggy Pike and Margaret Morgan 13 - 11; Edna Hardie, Julie Molloy, Eryl Nicholls and Carol Willmot 13 - 10; Helen Tilley, Vera Wickenden, Pat Cook and Etta Gray 10 -18.

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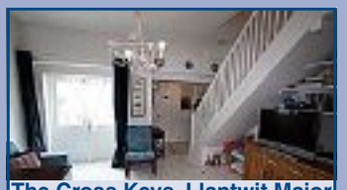

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Sincere thanks to Dr Isabelle Graham, Rev David Boult for his guidance and moving service.
Thank you Andy, of Thomas Bros for your professionalism.

EDWARDS
Peacefully at Withybush Hospital, Pat of Tregroes, Fishguard (formerly of Llanmaes Road, Llantwit Major).
Beloved wife of Hubert. Dearly loved mother of Mark and Sarah, mother in law of Alex. Grandmother of Thomas, Finn and Joel.
Funeral service at St.David's Cathedral on Monday June 25th at 3pm to be followed by interment at St. Davids Cemetery.
Family flowers only. Donations if desired for Parkinson Research c/o W.G. Bernard Mathias, Funeral Director, 64 New Street, St.Davids SA62 6SU

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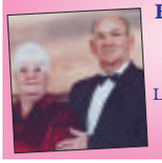

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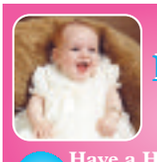

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Graham
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Bronze winner Margaret Codd

Silver winner Sam Preen with her greatest fans Jack and Katie

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Silver winner – Sam Preen with a very impressive 40 points.

Bronze winner – Margaret Codd with 37 points. Well done to Margaret, 'a twilight girl' who after a day in work, never gets on the course before 4.30pm.

The raffle prize, a £50 voucher, generously donated by Maria Gentile, was won by a delighted Helena Coombes.

Other results: May 22 – Park Stone Cup qualifier; John Collins Cup and G.V.W. medal.

Winner – Nicci Case net 79; runner-up – Liz Brown net 80 (over back nine from Julie Harkin).

May 29 – Junior Gold Cup and G.V.W. medal: Winner – Chris Hopkins with an outstanding net 66; runner-up Sue Holland – net 72.

Forthcoming events:

The festival week runs from June 27 to June 30.

June 27 – Cross country; June 28 – 4-club comp, (teams of four); June 30 – Texas Scramble.

American slant on the Jubilee

A Diamond Jubilee American Golf Challenge and Garden Marquee Party was held at Cottrell Park Golf Club.

The format of the day was as follows: shot gun competition, supported by American Golf began at 8.30am on the Mackintosh Course.

Prizes were for the best Individual stableford score for both ladies and men, plus on-course competitions.

Men's Winner – Ashley Owen with 41 points; Men's 2nd place – N Bunce with 40 points; Ladies Winner – Carol Duncanson with 33 points; Ladies 2nd place – Gill Downs with 29 points; Longest Drive (Men's) – Richard Frederick; Longest Drive (Ladies) – Hazel John; Winner Nearest the Pin on the 4th – Paul Cummings; Winner Nearest the Pin on the 8th – John Magee; Winner Nearest the Pin on the 12th – Mark Merrett; Winner Nearest the Pin on 15th – Vaughan Aitken

An afternoon garden party started at 1pm, including bouncy castle, giant skittles, archery, segways, disco and party games. A barbecue was also held.

For further details contact the club directly on telephone 01446 781781.

GOS

Cowbridge tennis stars are June table toppers

ALL three of Cowbridge LTC men's teams top the table in June.

The senior Aegon league team comprising the very best male players have finished the first round of matches in top position and go undefeated into the next round of one of the more prestigious competitions.

The men's first team competing in division 2 east of the Courtshall Summer league are also undefeated and having drawn two of their matches are today in second place and on track for promotion for the fourth year running.

Not letting their more illustrious members have all the glory, the men's second team have won all their games and top division 7. With only three matches to go, they too are on track for a second year in a row promotion; most encouraging is the performance of several promising junior players, namely Joe Davies, Sean Boga-Lake and Harry Harpin.

Club captain Ian Duggan said he is extremely pleased with the way the men's section is progressing with league performances but warns of complacency if they are to get over the promotion finishing line.

The ladies' teams are having mixed fortunes at the moment, partly due to availability difficulties.

The ladies first team, despite some good performances that have resulted in three draws out of the five matches played, are in 5th spot in division 3East. The seconds find themselves in second spot in division 6 East which as it stands puts them in a promotion position.

For more information about Cowbridge LTC see cowbridgetennis.webs.com.

PW

Cavs under-9s victorious in day tournament

THE victorious and undefeated Llantwit Major Cavaliers under 9s beat Penarth and St Fagan's on Sunday to win the day's tournament.

Proud coaches, club president Simon Jones and club chairperson Neal Pritchard, actively support the under-9, 11, 13 and 15 age groups, and the club welcomes anybody interested in taking up the game to come along and join in the coaching sessions at Windmill Lane playing fields on a Saturday morning.

The Cardiff and Vale youth league normally play under-11s games on a Monday evening, under-13s on a Tuesday evening, under-15s on a Thursday evening and under-9s tournaments on a number of Sunday mornings.

The club also plays a senior midweek side and a Colts side on a Wednesday night in the Vale of Glamorgan Midweek League, with the first and second XIs playing in the South Wales Cricket Association on a Saturday and the Glamorgan and Monmouthshire League on a Sunday.

DC

Eleanor's success

ELEANOR Lewis, aged 12, playing in only her third ladies competition became the youngest ever winner of The Tyler Trophy at Cottrell Park Golf club.

Eleanor, who is in her first year at Cowbridge High School, scored an impressive 40 points to claim first place on The Mackingtosh Course; Jenny McGlyn, a former ladies captain, came second with 39 points.

SL

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Motoring with Tim Saunders

THE perfect man drives an Audi, earns £48,000 a year and is six foot tall, according to 2,000 British women polled by clothing company Austin Reed.

No better time then to test the Audi A1 hatchback, which despite its diminutive size will accommodate taller motorists. But I'll have to pretend about fulfilling the other criteria, ladies.

The test model finished in Samoa orange with a strikingly contrasting grey roof is the entry level five-door 1.6-litre TDi Sport. It's an eye-catching example, which seems to appeal to the girls in the office.

Traditionally, if you were in the market for a small car then you would have to forsake luxury and instead be grateful for your Ford Fiesta or VW Polo.

Therefore it is with great pleasure that you step inside the suave and sophisticated A1 with its high quality finish. Interestingly it does borrow much from the VW Polo.

It really feels as if it fits like a glove. The driver sits in what is not that far removed from a bucket seat and it is just the type of setting that my temperamental back craves.

My only criticism is that the diesel unit is noisy from outside and slightly audible from inside at low speeds. But you quickly forget about that on listening to your favourite radio station through the Bose speakers.

This is the first time I've driven an Audi and I am impressed with the slick gear changes and the perfect driving position. Never mind that this is the entry-level model it beats many much more expensive competitors in terms of look and feel.

Audi likes its chrome, which is refreshing in an age when manufacturers seem to be cutting back on such extravagance. Starting on the bonnet with the four rings and the grille the chrome theme continues inside where it is liberally sprinkled around the 360 degree turning air vents and centre dials.

This helps to create something rather special and a thoroughly enjoyable driver's car. I do like the stitched leather steering wheel.

A great many vehicles today seem to have six speed manual gearboxes and so it is slightly surprising that the Audi only has five.

However, this little German consistently returns more than 55mpg over the course of the test, helped by automatic stop start. I wonder whether a sixth gear might push this over the 60mpg mark.

My daughter' pushchair fits in the boot but the rear is a little cramped, making it better suited to children.

The centre front armrest is a useful addition on long journeys when few gear changes are made. For town centre driving this can be easily raised.

Who would have thought that you could reinvent the rear wash/wipe? But Audi has by fitting the washer nozzle to the actual windscreen wiper.

When engaged, the jet of water that is projected across the screen creates an eye-catching feature.

And the built-in indicators on the wing mirrors are helpful from a safety point of view for other motorists while also adding to the overall style.

Parkers, the car experts, say: "*A small Audi is big news in the car world. Signalling the brand's first ever head-to-head battle with Mini – a car made by Audi's arch enemy, BMW – the new A1 takes a very different, grown-up approach. Thanks to being well-built, efficient, a stylish hatchback, and cheap to run the Audi A1 1.6 TDi SE scooped the Parkers Cost of Motoring Award for the Small Hatchback category in 2011.*"

The Audi A1 picked up another award this year, winning the Carbuyer Luxury Small Car of the Year 2012.

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SULLY'S CUP DREAMS DASHED AS THEY CRUMBLE TO DEFEAT

AFTER a complete washout on Saturday, Sully Centurions travelled to Salisbury to play South Wiltshire in the Group Final of the ECB Kingfisher Beer Cup.

The Wiltshire side have an impressive new pavilion and are currently top of the Southern Premier League. The travelling Sully faithful had plenty to cheer about in the first half of the match, with the home side struggling on a slow pitch.

Runs were at a premium and Tom Evison celebrated his first game as skipper by taking four wickets.

South Wilts were restricted to 156 for 8 after their 45 overs and Centurions were in confident mood as they went in for tea.

The Sully innings got off to a bad start as Ryan Sylvester, Adam Shantry and Richard Ready all departed early.

Lloyd Smith, who has been having a marvellous time with the bat this season, also failed to get going and Centurions were looking down the barrel of a gun at 28 for 4.

However, a solid partnership between Jamie Sylvester, who was nursing a dislocated finger, sustained while fielding, and Dan Rowe, took the score along to 94 for 5 when Jamie was out for a dogged 31 with seven overs remaining. Dan was joined by Gareth Davies who was the first Sully batsman to hit a boundary, but the run out of Rowe, with the score on 116, set up a huge collapse.

The final four wickets fell for just three runs – leaving Centurions 37 runs adrift and the dream was over for another year.

South Wiltshire 156/8 Sully 119 all out

LLOYD STARS AGAINST GLAMORGAN

Centurion batsman Lloyd Smith continued his great run of form with the bat when he hit a century for the Swalec League XI against Glamorgan CCC in the 20/20 match at Cardiff on Tuesday, June 12.

Lloyd finished on 105 not out as the league side reached 156/4 chasing 240 to win. Sully's Tom Maynard and Ryan Sylvester also appeared for the league side.

Lloyd has hit 675 runs already this season and has an overall average of 74.78 in league and cup games for Sully.

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Have you got the super powers to take on challenge of a lifetime?

Picture 72 holes, 300 shots, 20 miles, one epic day – Macmillan Cancer Support are seeking golfers of all abilities to prove their golf stamina by playing four rounds in one day to fundraise as part of the Longest Day Golf Challenge 2012.

Golfers of all ages and abilities are welcome; participants simply sign themselves up, pick a day and course that suits them and then get sponsored to play 72 holes in one day.

Rebecca Parke, local fundraising manager, said: "The Longest Day Golf Challenge is a great way to show support for local people affected by cancer. We are almost entirely funded by donations and by getting involved with events like Longest Day Golf means that Macmillan Cancer Support can continue towards the aim of reaching and improving the lives of everyone affected by cancer."

Macmillan hopes golfers across the UK will club together to raise £500,000 to help Macmillan continue to provide services which help make a real difference to the lives of people affected by cancer and their families.

The top four teams that complete the challenge will go on to compete for the coveted 2012 Longest Day Challenge Trophy at the luxury Boavista Golf Resort on the Algarve during October 2012.

For more information, visit: macmillan.org.uk/golf, call 020 7840 4614, or email golf@macmillan.org.uk.

Petanque Cup

THE Llancarfan Society's annual petanque competition (for the Ruth Watts Cup) takes place at Llancarfan Piste (below the tennis court) on Sunday, June 24 at 2pm. Entry fee £1 per person. Contact 01446 781453.

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So near, yet so far (again) but now comes the real Test of character

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LEFT: Devastation as the final whistle sounds and Welsh players realise that a famous victory has slipped through their fingers...

BELOW: George North's try showed it could have been all so different ... if only....

ABOVE: Ryan Jones, who had another sound game at No. 8, leads the charge. If only Wales could have kept possession when it really mattered.

BACK PAGE COMMENT by Don John

AFTER the 27-19 first Test defeat to Australia in Brisbane, stand-in head coach, Robert Howley, frankly conceded that his Welsh team had been found wanting by the game's speed and intensity – "*which was at a level we hadn't played at for some time*".

This was confirmed by skipper Sam Warburton, who said ruefully: "*The first half was played at a great pace – the quickest I have played in, and we struggled to keep up*."

Before Saturday's second test at the Etihad stadium in Melbourne, they were confident that Wales would not get 'caught by surprise' again.

They knew that this time they needed to meet the predictable Wallaby onslaught head-on from the outset, nullify the threat of danger man Will Genia, and cut out the frustrating, basic errors that had proved so costly at Brisbane, if they were to have any realistic chance of finally overcoming the Tri-Nations champions on their own turf.

In the event, they succeeded with the first two objectives, but ultimately failed with the third, as a familiar combination of careless indiscipline and tactical naivety at vital moments saw an historic victory agonisingly snatched away from them at the death – and with it went hopes of winning the three-Test series Down Under.

Yet it had all begun so well. Last week, this column noted that Wales would have to substantially raise the pace and precision of their game – "*Above all, they cannot afford to be caught cold again and will need to hit the ground running in Melbourne*".

To their absolute credit, and in a complete reversal of the first test, this recharged young Welsh side did just that, putting their vaunted opponents under intense physical pressure straight from the kick-off, and racing seven points up inside three minutes.

Wing George North, happily back in the fold after having had to depart the field with a 'dead leg' in the first Test, muscled his way over near the uprights for a try that any beefy forward would have been proud of!

It was converted by Leigh Halfpenny, who would again be coolness personified in his personal kicking duel with Wallaby outside-half Berrick Barnes.

The latter replied with two penalties in quick succession, as Australia fought back to within a point, and then converted an ominously-effortless, defence-splitting try by centre Rob Horne, to ease his team into the lead for the first time at 13-7 just before the interval.

The second half began, as had the first, with a try for Wales when Jonathan Davies followed up a flykick ahead by fellow centre Ashley Beck after Genia, of all people, threw out a wayward pass in midfield.

This, too, was converted by the immaculate Halfpenny, to regain the lead at 14-13; but Wales almost immediately lost it again to the boot of Barnes, after the tourists were penalised – only for Halfpenny to step up and land another penalty – to which Barnes responded with his fourth successful kick to edge his team into a 19-17 lead!

With the Welsh pack competing manfully up front – though old throw-in problems were resurfacing in the lineout – and with the defence as a whole holding firm, Australia were reduced to 14 men for ten minutes on the hour, when Leigh Halfpenny was recklessly taken out in the air by burly wing Cooper Vuna.

Unlike the unfortunate Sam Warburton, whose controversial red card in New Zealand arguably cost Wales a place in the Rugby World Cup Final, Vuna received only a yellow card (he was cited by the match commissioner for a dangerous tackle, but no further action was taken).

Despite being badly shaken, the Blues man picked himself up and promptly landed the resulting 40-yard penalty which gave his team a one-point lead.

The breathless seesaw duel continued as Australia clawed back the lead three minutes later with another Barnes' penalty, only for the lead to change yet again. as Halfpenny landed his third penalty, to once more inch his team one precious point ahead at 23-22.

When a hobbling Barnes then missed a simple penalty kick, the gutsy Welsh defensive effort seemed destined to be rewarded at last with an epic victory over the number two team in the world.

As the final minutes ticked away, they knew that all they had to do was stay tight and, above all, keep the ball!

However, the drama was not over yet, as with with seconds to go, Wales' outside half Priestland opted to boot it downfield.

Heartbreak was to follow as the more streetwise Wallaby pack did what the Welsh forwards should have done, and wrapped up the ball in a driving maul from a line-out, forcing a Welsh infringement which saw replacement Mike Harris step up to land the mind-crushing penalty that dashed the cup from Welsh lips.

The anti-climactic 25-23 defeat settled the series, with now only Welsh pride to play for in the third test this Saturday in Sydney.

Nevertheless, it is fervently to be hoped that the shattered players who, to a man, had given their all for the cause, can raise themselves for one last heroic effort – and finally claim that elusive Tri Nations' scalp, which still remains just out of finger-tip reach.

It will be this developing young team's ultimate test of character, and victory would be fiting compensation for the loss of the series, as they return home with their heads held high.

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Mistakes mean Cowbridge settle for draw with Skewen

After days and days of rain and strong winds, match day dawned bright and clear with Skewen Cricket Club the opponents at the Athletic Field.

The wind that had been cursed earlier in the week as it brought so much rain was, in fact, the reason why the game was able to go ahead.

The previous 36 hours of unrelenting, but drying, wind had worked on the wicket and outfield to such an extent that the game was able to proceed on time.

Tom Merilaht won the toss and asked the visitors to bat.

They proceeded to score 167 for 9 in 50 overs – perhaps 30 runs or so more than they deserved owing to lapses in the field by Cowbridge, resulting in three crucial catches ending on the grass and not safely in hand.

Tom Warner was among the wickets again with 4-48 in 15 overs, all four taken in his second spell. Ryan Taylor was as economical as ever with 2-36 off his 15 overs, and Tom Merilaht chipped in with 2-44 off 14 overs.

A total of 130 would have better reflected the batting performance, with no batsman able to dominate the bowling to any great extent, plus the untypical lapses from the Cowbridge fielders.

So the Cowbridge innings began after tea in customary style with Tom Merilaht, the anchor of the side, and Mike Lloyd attacking the bowling at every opportunity.

This tactic of aiming for four an over to put the fielding side under pressure worked for a while as Mike hit 45 off 69 balls with nine fours, but he was bowled in the 24th over when the score was 72.

Up to that point the scoring was adequate, with the opening partnership providing a sound basis for the innings.

Unfortunately, the rest of the batsmen were not able to kick on from this position. Only Tom (42) and Adam Wood (31) were able to maintain the chase to a certain extent. Even Chris Willey, who had looked after the middle and lower order and had remained not out in previous games, fell for a low score.

Quick-scoring Andy Finucane failed to swing the willow to great effect, and so the Cowbridge effort fell short.

A drawn match was inevitable owing to their own mistakes and some efficient bowling from the visitors. It was a thoroughly frustrating day for the team and the supporters.

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Cardiff & Vale Schools Middle track & field championships round-up

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TWO Vale pupils added their names to the list of 'championship best performers' when they competed at the Cardiff & the Vale of Glamorgan Schools middle (under-17) track & field championships (CVSC) for pupils in years 10 and 11 at Cardiff International Sports Stadium recently.

In the third track event of the afternoon, Tom Williams (Stanwell), the 2011 Welsh Schools 100 metres champion, showed his good form in a 200 metres heat, storming around the track to register, with the help of a 3.7 metres per second following wind, an electronic time of 22.60 seconds – the first occasion that photofinish has been used at this fixture.

That clipped 0.3 of a second off the previous mark set by Sion Edwards (YG Glantaf) in 1989.

Tom was slower in the final, which he also won.

In the second half of the meeting, he completed a sprint double by winning the 100 metres, but he was pushed very hard in that event by his Barry & Vale Harriers team-mate Matthew Collins (Barry Comprehensive).

The second championship best came close to the end of the afternoon. Tillie Carter (Bryn Hafren) had won the under-15 1,500 metres walk in 2011.

Now in year 10, she competed over 2,000 metres in the walk for the first time, and clocked a very encouraging 12 minutes, 50.49 to hack more than 17 seconds off the 1999 time of 13:07.7, which was set by Lisa Munn (St Cyres).

In addition to Tom Williams, four more Vale pupils – two boys and two girls – enjoyed double success by winning two titles.

Stanwell year-11 Matteo Holmes has been a regular throws winner at CAVC since 2010. He might well have been hoping for a repeat of the three titles in the long throws that he notched up in year-9, but, with the javelin not going so well this summer, he had to settle for retaining his hammer crown (43.20) and taking the discus title (34.56).

Talented sprinter/jumper George Griffiths, having won the under-15 100, 80 hurdles and long jump last summer, confined his activities to three field events.

He chalked up wins in the long jump (6.01) and triple jump (12.03), but, like Matteo Holmes, had to settle for second spot in his third event, the shot.

Experienced high jumper/pentathlete Annabel Curle can feel pleased with her double. The Cowbridge year-10 took the high jump with an encouraging 1.55 metre-leap, and won the heat and final to claim the 80 metres hurdles.

The fourth 'double winner' was St Richard Gwyn year-10 Emily Gillard, who won the discus (18.73) and javelin (30.29) at her first attempt.

Six other Vale pupils gained an individual title. Matthew Collins won the 400 metres comfortably in 52.52 seconds, a time which suggests that he can break the 50 second mark later in the season.

Bro Morgannwg pupils won the pole vault and 3,000 metres; George Connelly taking the vault with a clearance of 3.10 metres, and Dafydd George claiming a debut win over 3,000 metres (9:58.64).

The Cowbridge duo of Joe Gaughan and Jessica Jaques also made their mark. Joe claimed top spot in the shot with a best put of 12.17 metres, while year-11 Jessica Jaques won the 3,000 metres (11:42.98).

Last year, Ellie Atkinson (Llantwit) was only third in the under-15 final in a time of 5:36.95. After her wonderful second half to the winter on the country and road, that time was always in danger of major revision this summer – and so it proved.

She hacked nearly 40 seconds off that time in winning in 4:57.82, and, in more favourable conditions, she will take her best down towards the 4:30 mark.

There was also a Vale win in the girls' relay, the Stanwell team taking the title in 57.17 seconds.

In the team competitions, there was joy for the Cowbridge girls – their points total of 289 was enough to see off the challenge of Cardiff High (281) and Bro Morgannwg (188.5) – but disappointment for Bro Morgannwg (289) and Cowbridge (242) in the boys' competition in which Cardiff High racked up 408 points to retain the title.

The winners from this meeting will receive their award at the CVS Track & Field Presentation Evening, which is pencilled in for Cowbridge Comprehensive on Tuesday, September 11, starting at 7pm.

The top performers from these championships are likely to be included in the district to compete at the Aviva Welsh Schools National championships, to be held at Penlan, Brecon, on Saturday, July 7. Following that fixture, Welsh Schools will select a middle team to compete at the SIAB Schools under-17 international, which will be hosted by English Schools at Ashford in Kent on Saturday, July 21.

Results of Vale pupils:
Middle Boys – Under 17 – Years 10 & 11

100
Ht 1 (ws 1.7): 1 Tom Williams (Stan) 11.42; 3 Jacob Briscombe (BroM) 12.28; 7 Luke Purnell (Barry) 12.86; 8 Ben Chester (Cow) 13.88; Ht 2 (ws 1.4): 1 Matthew Collins (Barry) 11.65; 6 Harry Dowell-Bennett (Cow) 12.73; 7 Che Pomphrey (Stan) 13.23; Ht 3 (ws 1.3): 1 George Connelly (BroM) 12.06; 7 Mitchell Heffernan (StRichG) 15.13; Fin (ws 1.3): 1 Tom Williams (Stan) 11.39; 2 Matthew Collins (Barry) 11.52; 3 George Connelly (BroM) 12.00; 7 Jacob Briscombe (BroM) 12.24

200
Ht1 (ws 2.3): 2 Sam Laity (West) 25.48; 3 James Neill (BroM) 25.95; 7 Sam Thompson (Barry) 27.53; 8 Daniel Evans (Cow) 28.21; Ht2 (ws 3.7): 1 Tom Williams (Stan) 22.60 (CBP); 2 Jacob Briscombe (BroM) 24.44; 5 Luke Purnell (Barry) 25.57; Ht3 (ws 1.9): 2 Iori Moore (West) 26.11; ; 4 Matthew Allen (Stan) 27.36; 5 Connor Clarke (Lwt) 29.20; ht 4 (ws 1.9): 2 Chris Watt (Cow) 25.83; 5 Dan Reed (Lwt) 28.20; Fin (ws 1.9); 1 Tom Williams (Stan) 23.39; 4 Jacob Briscombe (BroM) 24.82; 6 Patrick Morris (Barry) 25.60; 8 Luke Purnell (Barry) 25.82

400
Ht 1: 2 Matthew Lock (Cow) 63.11; 4 Mohammed Waheedi (West) 63.63; Ht 2: 1 Trenton Scantelbury (St Cy) 58.94; 4 Declan Thomas (Cow) 62.22; Ht3: 1 Matthew Collins (Barry) 56.34; 3 Kellem Gregg (West) 60.70; 4 Connor Boyd (BroM) 61.30; Fin: 1 Matthew Collins (Barry) 52.52; 5 Trenton Scantelbury (St Cy) 61.44

800
Ht 1: 2 Ben Owen (Lwt) 2:19.45; 4 Taylor Harris (BroM) 2:23.96; 7 Dan Ladner (Barry) 2:27.11; 10 Joe Russell (Cow) 2:43.48; Ht2: 1 Jake Bozsa (West) 2:18.24; 2 Harri Williams (BroM) 2:20.63; 7 Daniel Bell (StRichG) 2:31.53; 8 Sam Edmonds (Barry) 2:35.31; 9 Zak Summerhayes (Cow) 2:39.67; Fin: 2 Jake Bozsa (West) 2:13.94; 3 Ben Owen (Lwt) 2:14.18; 4 Harri Williams (BroM) 2:22.64; 8 Taylor Harris (BroM) 2:46.26

1,500
3 Dafydd George (BroM) 4:47.26; 4 Ieuan Jones (Stan) 4:53.60; 6 Gareth Hurman (Barry) 4:57.26; 8 Connor Clarke (Lwt) 5:06.30; 9 Tom Rawlings (Lwt) 5:09.79; 12 Dan Holder (Cow) 5:25.91; 13 Ryan Sherrard (Cow) 5:27.15

3,000
1 Dafydd George (BroM) 9:58.64; 4 Iwan Jones (Stan) 10:24.80; 6 James Lofthouse (Barry) 11:12.00; 7 Will Parker (Lwt) 11:22.65; 10 Tim Griffiths (BroM) 11:57.53; 11 Ben Chester (Cow) 12:45.79; 12 Liam Martin (Cow) 13:12.87

100H
Ht1 (ws 3.3): 2 Alex Guard (Cow) 17.45; 4 Callum Tumilty (Barry) 19.17; 5 Rhys Bennett (Lwt) 19.22; 7 Tom Bellamy (StRichG) 20.56; Ht 2 (ws 2.3): 2 Luke Bowles (Stan) 17.07; 3 Sam Robinson (BroM) 18.19; 4 Brad Rosser (Cow) 18.76; 5 Jacob Sutch (Lwt) 20.06; Ht 3 (ws 2.9): 3 Harri Williams (BroM) 16.17; 6 Mitchell Hefen (Barry) 23.98; A Fin (ws: 2.0): 3 Harri Williams (BroM) 16.06; B Fin (ws: 3.1): 6 Luke Bowles (Stan) 16.58; 7 Brad Rosser (Cow) 16.61; 8 Sam Robinson (BroM) 17.31; 9 Alex Guard (Cow) 17.79

400H
4 James Walsh (BroM) 71.32

1500 Sc:
4 Josh Thomas (Cow) 5:59.45; 5 Morgan Williams (BroM) 5:59.50; 8 Steffan Baker (BroM) 7:05.33; 9 Declan Thomas (Cow) 7:09.76

HJ
3 Declan Thomas (Cow) 1.55; 5 Rhys Bennett (Lwt) 1.50; 6 Tom Bellamy (StRichG) 1.45; 10= Kyle Harmon (Lwt) & Nico Wilson (Barry) 1.40; 12 Taylor Harris (BroM) 1.35; 13 James Walsh (BroM) 1.35; 14= Joe Russell (Cow) 1.30 & Daniel Bell (StRichG) 1.30

PV
1 George Connelly (BroM) 3.10; 3 Iwan Mepham (BroM) 2.40

LJ
1 George Griffiths (Cow) 6.01; 2 Jacob Briscombe (BroM) 5.52; 13 John Miles (Barry) 4.73; 15 Che Pomphrey (Stan) 4.65; 16 Harry Simpson (St Cy) 4.58; 18 Morgan Williams (BroM) 4.24; 20 Seva Zozin (St Cy) 4.15; 21 Ben Chester (Cow) 4.14; 22 Callum Crabbe (StRichG) 3.95

TJ
1 George Griffiths (Cow) 12.03; 4 Harri Williams (BroM) 11.44; 6 Luke Purnell (Barry) 10.70; 8 Gabe Shires (Cow) 10.32; 9 Callum Hughes (Stan) 10.29; 11 Oliver Thorne (St Cy) 10.17; 14 James Walsh (BroM) 9.96; 15 Harry Simpson (St Cy) 9.80; 16 Dan Read (Lwt) 9.62; 17 Ben Murphy (Lwt) 9.31

SP
1 Joe Gaughan (Cow) 12.17; 2 George Griffiths (Cow) 11.91; 3 Matthew Allen (Stan) 11.02; 7 Rhys Forse (Barry) 9.47; 8 Sam Laity (West) 9.41; 9 Hugo Billingon (Lwt) 9.09; 12 Sam Hall (Stan) 8.61; 13 Rob Rees (BroM) 8.57; 16 Richard Evans (BroM) 8.19; 17 Sam Richards (Cow) 8.11; 19 Richard Hall (StRichG) 7.06

DT
1 Matteo Holmes (Stan) 34.56; 2 Harry Dowell-Bennett (Cow) 27.39; 10 John Burns (St Cy) 25.13; 5 Tom Bellamy (StRichG) 22.77; 6 Nigel Lucero (St Cy) 22.19; 12 George Connelly (BroM) 22.00; 13 Nico Wilson (Barry) 21.83; 14 Hugo Billingtoon (Lwt) 21.11; 16 Robert Rees (BroM) 20.95; 17 Spencer Ward-Harry (Stan) 20.46; 18 Robert Tucker (StRichG) 20.04; 20 Matthew Jones (Barry) 20.00; 21 Freddie Dooey (West) 18.96; 22 Ben Owen (Lwt) 18.79; 24 Tom Higgins (Cow) 17.28; 26 Ben Bason (West) 16.52; 27 Mohamad Waheedi (West) - ns 16.28

HT
1 Matteo Holmes (Stan) 43.30; 2 Nigel Lucero (St Cy) 24.77; 4 Hugo Billington (Lwt) 22.39; 8 Robert Rees (BroM) 17.59; 9 Alex Guard (Cow) 12.88

JT
2 Matteo Holmes (Stan) 38.78; 7 Harry Stubbington (Cow) 31.10; 8 Jake Slitch (Lwt) 29.79; 11 Jacob Burgess (Barry) 28.40; 12 Gareth Pilcher (BroM) 27.62; 13 Joshua Dance (St Cy) 26.85; 15 Matt Allen (Stan) 25.89; 16 Callum Crodde (StRichG) 25.82; 17 Cameron Davies (Lwt) 19.28

2Km Walk
3 Sam Richards (Cow) 13:09.17; 4 Cameron Davies (Lwt) 13:17.32; 5 Connor Beatty (Lwt) 13:27.64; 6 Marcus Knevett (Cow) 13:57.06; 7 Taylor Harris (BroM) 14:30.68; 8 Steffan Baker (BroM) 14:30.78

4x100
Ht 1: 3 Bro Morgannwg 49.00; 6 Barry 50.73; Ht 2: 1 Cowbridge 48.45; 2 Stanwell 49.38; 5 Westbourne 50.46; 7 Llantwit Major 57.46; Fin: 3 Cowbridge 47.95; 4 Bro Morgannwg 48.56; 5 Stanwell 50.70

Teams
1 Cardiff High 408; 2 Bro Morgannwg 289; 3 Cowbridge 242; 6 Stanwell 165; 8 Barry 141.5; 9 Llantwit 127.5; 10 St Cyres 58; 12 Westbourne 49; 17 St Richard Gwyn 24

Middle Girls – Years 10 & 11

100
Ht 1 (ws 1.4): 2 Bethan Thomas (BrynH) 14.28; 3 Sophie Boyle (Stan) 14.32; 4 Isabella Eddy-Williams (Cow) 14.32; 8 Hayley Collins (Lwt) 15.00; Ht 2 (ws 1.1): 1 Karisha Dee (Lwt) 13.96; 2 Phoenix Kaged (Stan) 14.15; 4 Milly Jones (BroM) 15.07; 5 Natasha Johnson (Cow) 15.47; 7 Kerrian Landers (BrynH) 16.50; Ht 3 (ws 2.7): 6 Gabrielle Cuddihee (West) 15.06; 8 Chelsea Siirak (BroM) 15.20; Fin (ws 2.1): 2 Phoenix Kaged (Stan) 14.04; 3 Sophie Boyle (Stan) 14.27; 4 Bethan Thomas (BrynH) 14.40; 7 Isabella Eddy-Williams (Cow) 14.75

200
Ht1 (ws 2.3): 1 Isobella Eddy-Williams (Cow) 29.04; 2 Chelsea Siirak (BroM) 30.51; 5 Kerrian Landers (BrynH) 34.26; 6 Laura Braggins (Lwt) 35.39; Ht2 (ws 2.5): 2 Carys Knapman (BrynH) 28.97; 5 Niamh Gallagher (Cow) 32.98; Ht3 (ws 1.4): 2 Milly Jones (BroM) 29.27; 3 Kate Coker (Stan) 29.28; 6 Alannah Goss (Lwt) 35.36; Fin (ws 2.5): 2 Isobella Eddy-Williams (Cow) 29.12; 4 Carys Knapman (BrynH) 30.06; 5 Milly Jones (BroM) 30.15; 6 Kate Coker (Stan) 30.26; 7 Chelsea Siirak (BroM) 30.48

300
Ht 1: 1 Natasha Johnston (Cow) 50.57; Ht 2: 3 Ellie Atkinson (Lwt) 46.02; 4 Bethan Thomas (BrynH) 49.46; 5 Amelia Glanville (Cow) 56.87; Fin: 3 Bethan Thomas (BrynH) 49.85; 4 Natasha Johnson (Cow) 51.27

800
3 Erin Hayes (Lwt) 2:30.73; 6 Jordan Carpenter (Cow) 2:49.82; 7 Elin Bowen (BroM) 2:57.42; 10 Rachel Cosier (BrynH) 3:01.99; 11 Meg Langton-Cryer (Cow) 3:02.33

1,500
1 Ellie Atkinson (Lwt) 4:57.82; 3 Kate Coker (Stan) 5:39.75; 8 Kanisha Underdown (BrynH) 6:31.17; 9 Bethan White (Cow) 6:38.20; 10 Ffion Davies (BroM) 6:39.82; 11 Sarah Phillips (BrynH) 6:53.63

3,000
1 Jess Jaques (Cow) 11.42.98; 3 Lauren Blake (StRichG) 13.59.37

80H
Ht 1 (ws 2.1): 1 Jessica Morgan (BroM) 13.80; 3 Lili Evans (Cow) 14.32; 4 Phoebe Nixon (Lwt) 17.03; Ht 2 (ws 2.5): 1 Annabel Curle (Cow) 13.19; 6 Emily Gillard (StRichG) 18.99; Fin (ws: 2.2): 1 Annabel Curle (Cow) 13.21; 2 Jessica Morgan (BroM) 13.66; 3 Lili Evans (Cow) 13.90

HJ
1 Annabel Curle (Cow) 1.55; 2 Zoe Jenkins (BrynH) 1.45; 3 Lili Evans (Cow) 1.40; 4 Kate Spence (StRichG) 1.35; 8 Chanella Evans (Lwt) 1.30; 9= Sophie Boyle (Stan) 1.30; 9= Jessica Morgan (BroM) 1.30; 11 Bethan Yapp (BroM) 1.30; 13 Temeka McCann (BrynH) 1.25; 18 Phoebe Nixon (Lwt) 1.20

LJ
3 Jessica Morgan (BroM) 4.46; 7 Joanna Wilkins (Cow) 3.79; 10 Kanisha Underdown (BrynH) 3.67; 12 Sarah Lewis (Cow) 3.57; 14 Canna Yuan (West) 3.37; 16 Erin Murray (Stan) 3.31; 17 Sara Phillips (BrynH) 3.19

TJ
4 Rachel Cosier (BrynH) 8.66; 5 Katie Gunning (BroM) 8.55; 6 Tillie Carter (BrynH) 7.61; 7 Isabella Eddy-Williams (Cow) 7.41

SP
2 Elydia Hitchins (Cow) 6.97; 5 Rhian Swain (BroM) 6.41; 7 Sarah Lewis (BroM) 6.23; 8 Georgia Looker (Cow) 5.96; 11 Onyx Goulbourne (Lwt) 5.74; 13 Rebecca Miles (BrynH) 5.67; 14 Ellie Skinner (Lwt) 5.60; 16 Bethan Roberts (StRichG) 5.59; 20 Hannah Burnell (BrynH) 4.76; 23 Rachel Shalom (StRichG) 3.42

DT
1 Emily Gillard (StRichG) 18.73; 3 Abby Evans (BroM) 16.30; 4 Lydia Hitchings (Cow) 15.85; 8 Chloe James (BrynH) 15.04; 11 Katie Gunning (BroM) 14.51; 16 Chloe McBratney (StRichG) 12.97; 18 Hannah Woodward (Cow) 11.62; 19 Rebecca Miles (Lwt) 11.58; 21 Kerrian Landers (BrynH) 8.32; 22 Megan Bruten (Lwt) 8.20

HT
4 Hannah Gaskin (Cow) 12.95; 5 Megan Hill (BroM) 11.70; 6 Hannah Woodward (Cow) 10.49

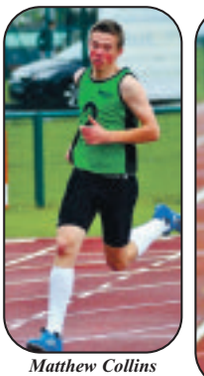
JT
1 Emily Gillard (StRichG) 30.29; 2 Abby Evans (BroM) 21.34; 3 Dani Dakin-Weston (Lwt) 20.10; 5 Rachel Shalom (StRichG) 17.54; 12 Erin Hayes (Lwt) 15.09; 16 Niamh Gallagher (Cow) 11.08; 17 Kanisha Underdown (BrynH) 8.68; 18 Naomi Everitt (BrynH) 7.07; 20 Annabel Smith (Cow) 4.08

2Km Walk
1 Tillie Carter (BrynH) 12:58.49 (CBP); 2 Hannah Gaskin (Cow) 13:58.93; 3 Zoe Hodgkinson (BrynH) 14:38.32; 4 Annabel Smith (Cow) 15:04.98; 9 Abbi Evans (BroM) 15:23.62; 10 Naomi Everitt (BrynH) 15:25.70; 12 Megan Hill (BroM) 15:53.42

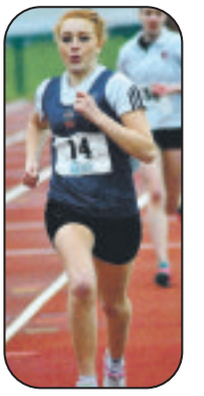
4x100
Ht 1 2 Stanwell 57.12; 4 Bro Morgannwg 59.27; 5 Bryn Hafren 59.68; Ht 2 1 Cowbridge 57.21; Fin 1 Stanwell 57.17; 4 Cowbridge 57.81; 7 Bro Morgannwg 59.40; 8 Bryn Hafren 61.65

Teams
1 Cowbridge 289; 3 Bro Morgannwg 188.5; 3 242; 5 Bryn Hafren 167; 9 Llantwit 88; 10 St Richard Gwyn 83; 12 Stanwell 68.5; 18 Westbourne 3

Annabel Curle (Cowbridge) tackles the high jump.



Matthew Collins (Barry Comprehensive) in the 400 metres.



1,500 metres winner Ellie Atkinson (Llantwit).

Tom Williams (Stanwell), winner of the 100m and 200m .

GLAMORGAN GEM SPORTS EXTRA

Cadoxton bowlers start off league campaign with win

THE Cardiff and District League started off for Cadoxton with a home win against Ynysangharad. After some terrible weather during the week the sun shone and the high winds died away.

Graham Brown's rink led the way with a comprehensive win on his rink. After trailing 5-1 a '4' brought the score level. From then on it was one-way traffic, with only four singles conceded during the remainder of play.

Kelvin Chedgzoy also had a meticulous success of eleven shots. The difference was increased with the visitors having a quarter of their shots, taken off for playing as a triple.

The home side took a 10- 5 lead, only to lose this advantage, dropping 12 shots whilst scoring just 2 during the next six ends. However the final six ends went in their favour, including a '5' to amass this comfortable win.

Don Kuhnell's four had all their work cut out, to compete against a very creditable performance from their opposition.

The scores were level at 3-3 and 6-6, before the visitors shortened the mat and took their score to twelve, with 6 singles. The mat was regained and the scores levelled at 12-12 with all singles. The visitors took the next two ends, with a '2' and a single. This was cancelled out during the final two ends.

Howard Craven also came up against a triple, who took full advantage of the extra bowl, to compile a notable success up on this rink, despite having a quarter deducted.

Scores: P Ellis, H Hellyar, J Crout, H Craven11 - 21; G Solomon, J Sugden, W Eadie, G Brown 26 – 9; T Bishop, D Evans, D Brook, D Kuhnell 15 –15; D Tuck, L Davies, J Davies, K Chedgzoy 28 - 12; final score 80 - 58.

CADOXTON 'A' V LLANTWIT MAJOR 'A' ML6

Cadoxton 'A' side travelled to Llantwit Major for their opening game and were pleased to return, also with a win.

Gordon Davies had two new players, father and son, included in his rink. They led from start to finish and produced the best success of the day.

Roy Harding's rink also held the lead throughout the game to generate another fine success. Although the scores were fairly close up until the 13th end, a final onslaught ensured victory.

Graham Garland started off badly on his rink by conceding a '3' and '4' on the first two ends. By the 15th end this deficit was reduced to four, but ten against while scoring one on the final run in relinquished the game.

Alex Turner managed only spasmodic scoring opportunities on his rink, while regular shots mounted against them. However, the eight scoring ends included a '5', '4' and '3' which allowed the difference to be kept to a reasonable level.

Scores: E Heppenstall, I Heppenstall, J Stewart, G Davies 26 - 12; G Powell, L Adams, I Dunbar, R Harding 25 - 12; S Clements, K Tanner, R Cole, A Turner 18 - 26; R Knight, M Mathews, S Clarke, G Garland 12 - 20; final score 81 - 70.

Cadoxton v Belle Vue – Munro Cup

Cadoxton lost on all rinks when they hosted the Munro Cup game against Belle Vue.

The draw brought together, on paper, probably the strongest rink from the visitors, skipped by Malcolm Thomas, and probably the weakest from the home side, skipped by Alex Turner. The outcome was a heavy defeat with just three ends won by the hosts.

Don Kuhnell had problems in the early stages on his rink against Mike Smith. After 7 ends they trailed by 11 shots to 2. They got back into the game scoring 9 shots without reply during the next 4 ends. To make the score board 11 –11 after 11 ends. Nine further shots were conceded whilst adding 5 during the remainder of the game.

Graham Brown looked most likely to get some points, against Brian Morgan. After being level at 5-5 and 9-9 they drew away to a six shot advantage with 3 ends left. However, a terrible finish conceded 11 shots.

Kelvin Chedgzoy had Les Aubrey as his opposite number, and struggled for 10 ends, to trail 3-16. A '2' broke the run and started a comeback to draw level at 18-18, with a '5' on the penultimate end. A single against on the last cost them the points.

Scores: G Powell, S Clarke, J Sugden, G Brown 16 - 21 D Rogan, G Ford, R Patterson, B Morgan; D Collard, H Hellyar R Cole, A Turner 4 - 31 D Miller, G Thomas, J Allen, M Thomas; J Stacey, D Fanning, D Evans, D Kuhnell 16 – 20 B Bagwell, F Keen, L Fowler, M Smith; S Clements, P Ellis, L Davies, K Chedgzoy 18 - 19 R Brant, P Paterson, T Ford, L Aubrey; final score 54 - 91. **DK**

Vale schools no match for Stanwell's young tennis aces

YOUNG tennis aces from Stanwell in Penarth have continued their school's year of local sporting dominance by taking a clean sweep in the Vale of Glamorgan round of a national tennis competition.

After chalking up wins at both county and national level in sports such as table tennis, badminton, basketball and girls' football, pupils from the school took to the tennis courts for their latest sporting exploits.

Stanwell pupils served up wins in the boys' and girls' events at two different age groups in a competition organised by the Vale of Glamorgan Council's 5x60 Officers and Tennis Wales.

They beat local rivals St Cyres in the finals of the year 8 and below age category, and pipped pupils from Ysgol Bro Morgannwg in the tournament for pupils in year 10 and below.

All of the schools who took part had teams made up of four players, each playing their part in singles and doubles matches. The youngsters from Stanwell School will now go forward to represent the Vale of Glamorgan in the regional finals at the David Lloyd Tennis Centre in Cardiff in early July.

Tennis is one of the many sports that are promoted in the Vale of Glamorgan's secondary schools as part of the innovative 5x60 scheme, which provides extra-curricular activities during lunchtimes and after school to tempt pupils off the sidelines and into sport.

A Sport Wales initiative which is run locally by the Vale Council's sports and play development team, the 5x60 scheme encourages teenagers to take part in exercise for at least 60 minutes, five days a week (5x60).

The scheme began five years ago, and this year it has taken on a London 2012 edge, focusing on Olympic sports.

Coun Gwyn John, the Vale of Glamorgan Council's Cabinet Member for Leisure, said: "Teenagers in the Vale of Glamorgan have really embraced the 5x60 scheme this year, and the county tournaments have all been extremely fiercely contested. Stanwell School has enjoyed a tremendous year of success and I'd like to congratulate all of their pupils who have really excelled this year."

Coun John added: "There is a lot of young sporting talent in the Vale of Glamorgan, and the 5x60 scheme is helping to highlight this talent pool as well as introducing youngsters to sports that they may not have previously had the opportunity to play that much."

Windsor Lawn Tennis Club and Dinas Powys Lawn Tennis Club hosted the Vale of Glamorgan tennis competitions, and coaches from local clubs were on hand to provide coaching clinics for the youngsters to hone their skills, and hopefully encourage them to join clubs and play the sport more regularly.

To find out more about sporting opportunities in the Vale of Glamorgan, including details of the local tennis clubs, please go online at www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/sportsandplay; to also keep up to date with the latest community sports news follow @valesportsnews on Twitter.

Encouraging year for local players - and the referees!

THIS season has been relatively successful for the Vale football clubs.

Starting at the top - Barry Town (6th) ended up in the Welsh League Division 1 and only 6 points off a possible promotion place; Dinas Powys came a creditable 5th in Division 2.

In the County Leagues Llantwit Major won the Amateur League by 20 points with Rhoose in 5th place. Sully Sports won the Senior League, finishing 19 points clear of Cogan Coronation in 2nd place, while Cadoxton Barry overcame a shaky start to finish 5th in Division 2.

Locally, in the Vale of Glamorgan League, congratulations to AFC Colcot who overcame the recent stranglehold of Dockers to win the VoGAFL Premier title. The tables are completed with Wenvoe Exiles winning Division 1 and Pro Copy Athletic as Division 2 champions.

The big event however was the prize of promotion to the Welsh League, which saw the two local county champions, Llantwit Major play Sully Sports, in a play off.

There is a feeling that this scenario is not ideal with two championship-winning clubs having to play off - unfortunately only one team from the SWFA area can be promoted. Llantwit Major were victorious in the play-off, winning 4-0 to cement their promotion to the Welsh League.

Sully Sports countered their disappointment by winning the prized FAW Trophy, beating many clubs on the way who are considered to be playing at a better standard.

On the subject of Cups, Cardiff Airport were unsuccessful in the final of the SWFA Intermediate Cup Final losing to Trelai, with the Dockers reaching the semi-final.

Rhoose lost out in the semi-final of the SWFA Senior Cup, however Cardiff Airport went on for domestic success in winning the Barry Cup. Colcot went on to win the ASRS Cup with Cadoxton Barry taking the Supporters Cup. Pro Copy Athletic completed a league and cup double by winning the Dockers Cup.

Regarding referees, there has been success as well. After promotion to referee on the Welsh League, Adrian Heathfield has again advanced and will also be assistant referee on the Welsh Premier next season.

For those who don't know Adrian came through the ranks, learning his trade as a referee in the Vale League, before officiating on the County Leagues and onto the Welsh League.

Adrian is a stalwart of the Vale Referees Society and we are all delighted with his continual accomplishment, as we are for Chris Sawyer, Gordon Young and Paul Bright who have all been promoted to level 7 and just one step off the County Leagues.

Once again, the Referees Society has had a good membership with the vast majority of referees joining. Likewise the continual recruitment of new referees – plus encouraging a few "retired" officials back – means there has been only a handful of Vale Senior matches without a qualified referee this past season.

We're sure the local Cup finalists have seen an improvement with the team work. It's not that often referees have the opportunity to have assistant referees or to be able to improve their experience as an assistant. Who knows if this trend continues and there are referees without a fixture maybe the Vale League could appoint assistants.

Many of our members are already prepared to act as an assistant and help out colleagues whenever asked. It's all good development – and the players appreciate it too! Additionally, more referees have given up their time to officiate junior matches.

If anyone is interested in becoming a referee or would like our training team to come along and speak to your coaches or players please feel free to contact us on vogrs@hotmail.co.uk.

TERRY ALLDAY

AWAY DAY FOR LADIES!

COTTRELL Park Ladies away day to Ross on Wye Golf Club on Wednesday June 6 was well organised by the ladies' captain, Judy James, and enjoyed by the 36 ladies who attended.

After an initial delay when the coach was late arriving, the day went well with the staff at Ross being very helpful and accommodating.

The Individual Stableford and Yellow Ball team competition was played in blustery weather conditions with only a few showers, which did not dampen the spirits.

The course was a fair challenge but if you wandered into the trees, of which there were many ,you paid the penalty.

The Individual Stableford for the Miss Button trophy was won by Sian Lovell with 36 points and runner up Helen Evans with 34 points.

The longest drive (0 –24 handicap) was won by Kay Bradbury and 25 – 36 by Tessa Matthews; nearest the pin Toots Plant.

The team prize went to Helen Evans, Maureen Bowen and Carole Duncanson. Sian Lovell had a good day as she also won the putting competition.

A golfing quiz created by Kay Bradbury caused a few furrowed brows; it was won by Jan Cosby, Vicki Long and Mary Davies. Carole Duncanson guessed correctly that Sian Lovell would win Miss Button and Shirley Williams was closest to the number of lost balls; there were only 14.

Following a delicious meal the prizes were presented by the ladies' captain.

All returned home tired but happy after a very pleasant day out.

CJB

Team winners Helen Evans, Carole Duncanson and Maureen Bowen.

RIGHT: Sian Lovell with Judy James. BELOW RIGHT: Helen Evans.